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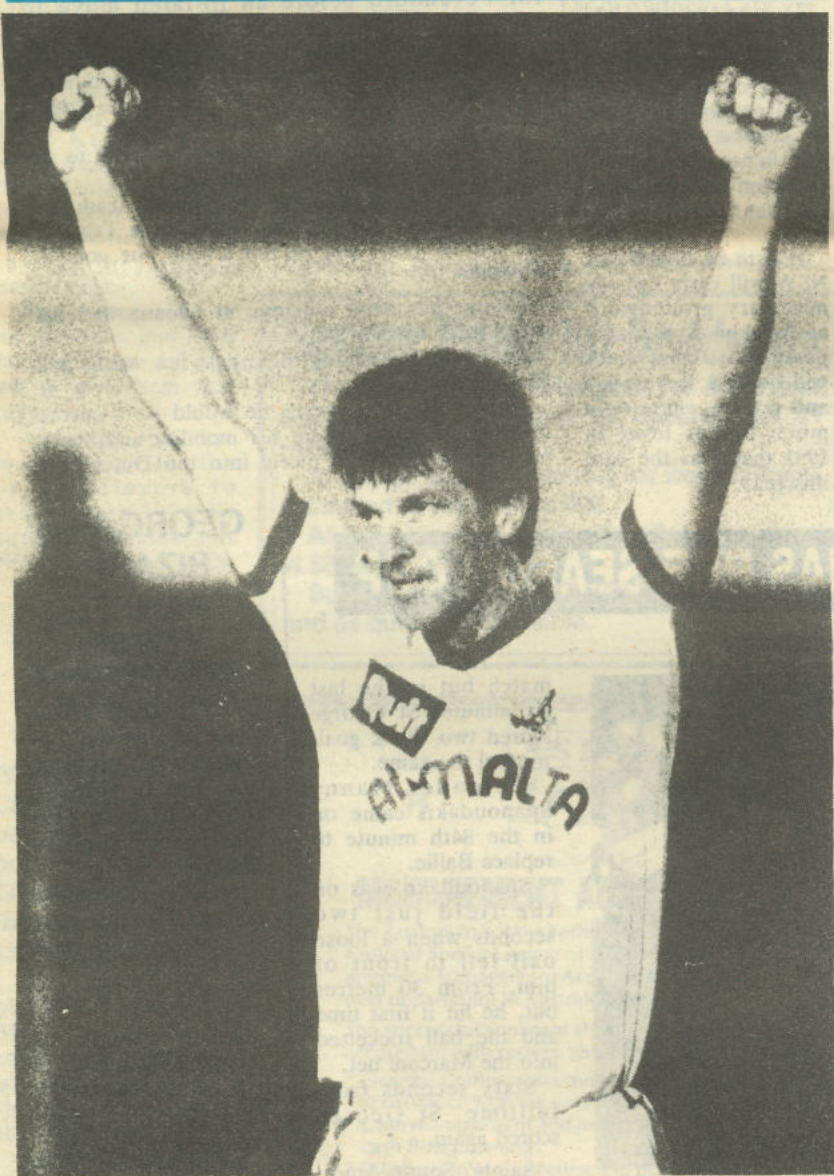
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NSL CONTROVERSY

Marshall Soper salutes
Melita goal v Olympic

Marshall Soper celebrates his goal against Sydney Olympic in the tournament at St George Stadium on Friday night. Melita upset Olympic 2-0. The series continues at Marconi Stadium (Tuesday night) and St George Stadium (Thursday night). Photo: STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS.

NSL ready for big kick-off

Sydney Croatia — Marconi as well as Sydney Olympic — Adelaide City head up the NSL opening round in Sydney on Sunday week.

No game in Melbourne will be bigger

then the South Melbourne — Melbourne — Croatia clash at Middle Park.

Newcomer Wollongong Macedonia has a worthy opponent at Brandon Park in the clever Parramatta

Melita Eagles.

The other matches promise hard tussles, with Preston Macedonia — Wollongong City certain to bring a close clash at Connor Reserve.

A National Soccer League decision that the top 12 teams in the 1990/91 competition would qualify for 1991/92 flies in the face of a previous Australian Soccer Federation resolution.

After Saturday's NSL Annual meeting in Sydney, chairman Sam Papasavas said: "The clubs felt strongly that the 12 top teams this season should continue in the league, and the bottom two would be candidates for exclusions."

"Clubs nominating to come in as replacements must go through assessment criteria and be proved as good as better than existing clubs."

But a quite laid back ASF chairman John Constantine was ready to recite the sum and substance of the prior ASF position.

"A decision has already been made that all present NSL clubs, as well as those applying for 1991/92, be assessed."

"We will be looking at applications in the light of the Bradley Report."

"There will be a lot of research carried out between now and the end of the coming NSL season."

However, Mr Constantine was not altogether uncomfortable with the NSL resolution.

"The positions of the respective bodies may not end

up that far apart when we go further down the track," he said.

Actually, teams admitted for 1991/92 can be present clubs, combinations of these clubs, new clubs and those representing state Federations.

The NSL voted to become a corporate body, but they must remain under the eye of the ASF.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

A shelf company is held at the ready.

The directors will be changed to become the ASF commissioners, who will then delegate their powers to enable NSL officials to carry out normal operations.

Whatever happens, Newcastle, Brisbane and probably Canberra and Perth will have applications in to the

authorities.

Right now the NSL has to wrestle with a "system" that sees two clubs in the city of Wollongong and one in Adelaide.

Yet Adelaide has a population three times greater than the Illawarra region!

The composition of the NSL this year

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HEIDELBERG REJOINS NSL



Angie Goutzoulis (No 10) wheels away off the pitch to celebrate a goal in the NSL play-off series against Adelaide Hellas. Stuart Stevenson (foreground) and Paul Lewis join in with a salute. Heidelberg 5pts (10 goals for, 5 against) won from Adelaide Hellas 5 (4:5) and Brisbane Lions 2 (4:8). Pic: JOE MONTEMURRO.

NSL ROUND 1 SUNDAY OCTOBER 7

STH MELBOURNE HELLAS
 SYDNEY CROATIA
 SUNSHINE G.C.
 APIA L'HARDT
 PRESTON
 W'GONG MACEDONIA
 SYD OLYMPIC



v MELB CROATIA Middle Park 3pm
 v MARCONI Croatia Sports Centre 3pm
 v HEIDELBERG Skinner Res 3pm
 v ST GEORGE Lambert Park 3pm
 v W'GONG CITY Connor Res 3pm
 v MELITA EAGLES Brandon Park 3pm
 v ADELAIDE CITY St George Stad 7pm

Planning to replace lucky dip in NSW

BY KEITH GILMOUR

A combination of forging better co-operative links with leading NSW clubs and returning to the implementation of the Strategic Development Plan are high on the current NSW Soccer Federation agenda.

There is no question at any level of NSW soccer that use of the Conference system in its 1990 format and admission of under 20/23 teams from National League clubs proved a disaster in the season just ended.

As was foreseen in so many places — and particularly amongst the NSW clubs themselves — playing competitive and uncompetitive teams in the NSW State League was a failure.

In addition the clubs were bundled into one composite competition table.

Some NSL clubs tried. Others treated the competition as a training run, even playing matches on outside paddocks.

An ambitious club, keen to reach the NSL, could play a strong opposing NSL-based unit.

Or maybe the NSL club fielded a weak team or had players touring overseas, leaving the gaining of competition points as a lottery rather than something to be achieved on merit.

NSW president Peter Thorne is looking to a return to realism and ambition for the State clubs in 1991.

In a wide-ranging interview with ASW he said: "This is my first chance of having an input from the chair. My board and I are aiming to see an atmosphere of enthusiasm and



NSW State League football — Canterbury (white) v Sutherland at Seymour Shaw Park — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS photo.

progress returning to the game.

"We will be talking to some clubs concerning finance and administration and will assist them wherever possible.

"At the same time I must say that in most cases there are no financial problems with the clubs.

"The Federation has a mandate from the clubs to carry out the requirements of the Strategic Development Plan.

"We well know that not enough has been done in the past to im-

plement it, and that is what we will be working on.

"The obtaining of good class ground facilities must be an absolute priority.

"First and Second Division clubs must be able to provide for their supporters.

"At the same time we have to face the facts that it is close to impossible to produce 12 grounds of the necessary standard."

There is no doubt that NSW will be providing for its own clubs in 1991, without inviting the NSL clubs into the fold.

NSW sees this as absolutely vital, enabling the clubs to concentrate all their energies and resources on the main task — that of making an absolute success of the winter competition.

Mr Thorne said: "With hindsight we allowed things to happen that should not have. It was a lack of planning."

At this stage there has been no decision as to the number of clubs that will comprise the 1991 First and Second Divisions.

The immediate task is to establish how many clubs satisfy the criteria previously laid down.

That will provide the ground for forward planning.

The NSW Federation assumes that by the following year (1992) it will receive two clubs back from the National League, as the building blocks of the Bradley Report are gradually laid in place.

When that occurs it should further strengthen the state body.

There is no doubt that the 1991 competition will overlap 'summer' NSL fixtures, but this is unavoidable if NSW wants a viable league.

Even so there will be a definite need for midweek matches to be played to complete the games schedules.

All lovers of the roundball game in NSW will welcome the new found enthusiasm to put the State League back on the map — in a position that it should never have vacated.

Clubs worthy of First and Second Division status once again will be able to plan ahead, in a manner that was negated during the past season.

It is a pity that the once successful provision that leading State clubs meet NSL clubs in a midweek Cup competition seems to have gone out the window.

This year the NSW clubs will not participate in the NSL Youth League North.

The NSW Federation viewpoint is that State League clubs have the ability to put their maximum efforts into the winter competitions.

It contends that trying to operate 52 weeks a year under existing circumstances leads to dilution of use of scarce resources, and hence to a failure to promote the game to the best possible level.

It is to be hoped that NSW will carry out the necessary groundwork as quickly as humanly possible, so that clubs will be able to respond and put the game on a much higher level in 1991 than was the case this year.

Hunter heading also for Holland

BY LOU GAUTIER



Alan Hunter (left) — Rotterdam-bound.

TRANSFER-listed former Socceroo central defender Alan Hunter has been approached to play in Holland.

First Division Sparta Rotterdam, very much Feyenoord's poor relation in the big Dutch port city, are negotiating with Sydney Croatia for Hunter's services.

Australian players are all the rage in the low countries after the successes of Frank Farina, Eddie Krncevic, and now Graham Arnold in Holland.

David Mitchell, too, is still fondly remembered in Rotterdam where he scored several vital goals for Feyenoord before an ill-fated move to Chelsea.

Sparta are believed to have offered \$15,000 to "loan" Hunter and have promised an additional \$45,000 if they sign him at the end of the season — in May 1991.

Hunter has nine Socceroo appearances to his credit, including six full "A" caps.

His last appearance for the national team was in the Olympic qualifier against Chinese Taipei at the end of 1987, and he has scored one goal for Australia.

Hunter has been unhappy at Croatia and had asked to be transferred.

He has been training these past few weeks with Melita Eagles.

Hunter's agent believes he would be a success in Dutch football where his mobility and strong tackling would blend nicely into the Dutch total football concept.

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AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS PRE-SEASON CUP

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Melita downs Syd Olympic

SYDNEY OLYMPIC were shocked by a 2-0 defeat on Friday night at the St George Stadium by Melita Eagles in Round 1 of the Aerolineas Argentinas Cup pre-season tournament.

Two goals in the last 10 minutes of the first half sunk the NSL champions.

Former Sydney Olympic striker Marshall Soper scored in the 35th minute after Greg Brown smashed a hot shot which goalkeeper Clint Gosling couldn't hold.

Five minutes later, Brown made it 2-0 when Olympic's defence was badly caught out.

Olympic's midfield of Grant Lee, Eric Hristodoulou, Robbie

Ironsides and Steve Refenes was at sixes and sevens.

Kevin Hagan played up front in attack with Scott Ollerenshaw but the two strikers received little quality ball service.

Olympic's lanky sweeper, Tony Dakos, blocked an Aytec Genc shot right on the line in the 77th minute.

Robbie Ironside had a strong blast saved by substitute goalkeeper Steve Mautone seven minutes from fulltime.

Melita's South American contingent — central defenders Alfredo Barrios and Washington Gonzales and dynamic midfielder Hugo Gimenez, were outstanding.

St George 2 Marconi 1

ST GEORGE, on the receiving end for most of the 90 minutes, ended up with a shock 2-1



JOHN MARKOVSKI

win over hot-favourites Marconi last Friday night at the St George Stadium in round 1 of the pre-season Aerolineas Argentinas Cup.

Marconi took the lead in the 20th minute through a fine goal by newly signed striker, John Markovski.

Marconi led all the

match but in the last six minutes St George scored two shock goals to steal the game.

Defender Manny Spanoudakis came on in the 84th minute to replace Ballie.

Spanoudakis was on the field just two seconds when a loose ball fell in front of him. From 30 metres out, he hit it first time and the ball rocketed into the Marconi net.

Sixty seconds from fulltime, St George scored again.

Saints' South American winger, Osvaldo El Ali, gained possession inside the Marconi box and on the left, near the byeline, cut in a low ball to Socceroo striker Tony Krslovic, who nailed the target with his first time shot from five metres.

Sydney Olympic's left fullback, Steve Georgakis, transferred to Marconi last Friday night, came on in the second half to replace Markovski.

GEORGAKIS' BIZARRE TRANSFER

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

STEVE GEORGAKIS, Sydney Olympic's international left back, was finally transferred in bizarre style last Friday night to Marconi.

The final transfer figure was mutually agreed to by Olympic and Marconi officials at the reduced figure of \$25,000.

Sydney Olympic had originally listed Georgakis for transfer at \$30,000 at the player's request.

But last Friday Georgakis told Olympic coach Mick Hickman that he had changed his mind about leaving Olympic and wanted to talk it over again with his parents.

Both parties agreed but Friday evening at George Stadium, Marconi soccer chairman Remo Nogarotto arrived with a cheque

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Wollongong Macedonia "ready"

CASEY de Bruin has guided Wollongong Macedonia through to National Soccer League status, and believes they have a future in the competition.

However for business and personal reasons he is not available to carry on in charge of the playing side at the club.

Much of the organising — and preparation for the 1990/91 NSL season that is about to commence — falls to the hands of club president Alex Kendevski, who will not leave any stone unturned in the bid for success.

He claims to be standing up for the 300,000 people in the Illawarra region — and not only the 15,000 or so Macedonians in the area.

Indeed he is ready to say that "Wollongong deserves better than it has been getting."

Laurie Kelly, the urbane chairman of the Wollongong City club, does not enter into that sort of fray.

He contends the Macedonia entry creates a challenge, and is ready to meet it in his own quiet but determined way.

Mr Kencevski is confident that the Macedonian community will come in behind the club financially, just as they did in State League.

The other side of the penny is that their fans will have to turn out to give them vital support.

Although they are in the market for five or six players to strengthen their squad, the club has NSL experience readi-

Charity Shield

WEDNESDAY week's Charity Shield match between South Melbourne and Sydney Olympic will provide the National Soccer League's pipe opener.

The game will be played at Olympic Park Melbourne, and the NSL officials are hoping that it will whet the appetite of the Melbourne fans for the fare that is to come.

Certainly a big, bright start is vital to overcome the dearth of publicity that has been the hallmark of much of the media to date.

NSL general manager Peter Russell advises that the Victorian Health Foundation has been empowered to select the benefitting charity.

"Players will receive minimal fees. The chosen charity will receive all proceeds after costs have been deducted," he added.

— KEITH GILMOUR



ly available.

John Bradley is the former Apia and Blacktown midfielder star, Graeme Fletcher was with Sydney City and St George, and goalkeeper Peter Wilson played in goal for both Wollongong City and Sydney Olympic.

Charlie Yankos, at present unattached, could join them as he works in Wollongong.

One import is a defender, Lupco Dimov.

The other former Blacktown City players, who were with them in Casey De Bruin's time, are Adam Sandy, Brett Thornthwaite, John Cavanah and Martin Bourke.

Cavanah is an extremely workmanlike player, who first proved his potential in Australia with Newcastle KB United.

Tony Cabassi formerly turned out in the defence for Parramatta Melita Eagles.

Paul Kay, the 1981 Young Socceroo hero who later turned out with Charlton Athletic and Sydney City, is glad to have a crack again in NSL ranks.

Warwick Young, the former Wolves keeper who moved to Macedonia for a \$7,000 fee and broke a leg, could be back on deck again.

— PHIL MARTIN



CHARLIE YANKOS — Wollongong bound?

SBS shows the way

AMID suggestions that David Hill's ABC should merge with Steve Cosser's Channel Ten, it should be noted that Legal and General's sponsorship of the World Cup telecasts on SBS — which picked up the rights for a song thanks to Dominic Galati — is regarded by the life company as one of its most spectacular initiatives.

Market research

showed the public recall of Legal and General's 'corporate statement' jumped from 13 to 30 per cent during the World Cup, while general awareness of the life group rose from 71 per cent of the population to 83 per cent.

And for those with such a mind, Legal and General found there was a far higher level of above-average income, white collar workers watching SBS compared with the commercial stations' audience.

That may well give a clue to current troubles at Seven and Ten!

Gaping hole flaws Melbourne Olympic Games application

BY LOU GAUTIER



THE selection of Atlanta as the host city for the 1996 Olympics makes the United States the latest country to join the select band of countries which have staged the World Cup and Olympic Games within two years of one another.

Mexico hosted the Olympics in 1968 and the World Cup in 1970, and Munich, West Germany, the 1972 Olympics and 1974 World Cup final.

Atlanta, whose Olympic Stadium will be ready early in 1994, will now be one of the sites for the 1994 World Cup finals in the US.

Atlanta officials went out of their way to stress that if they won the right to stage the Olympics, their new stadium would officially be opened during the 1994 World Cup finals.

Although Melbourne was never realistically a chance to win the nod for 1996, they could have done worse than to court the soccer vote more assiduously.

Several members of the International Olympic Committee — that august body of some 85 officials — are also leading soccer officials in their respective countries.

Melbourne's bid glaringly omitted soccer altogether.

Never once was soccer mentioned in its presentation to the IOC — unlike the other five contending cities, all of which went to great length to stress their football facilities.

Melbourne ignored soccer — the biggest crowd-puller at all Olympics — at its own risk and peril.

Of course, that's not the reason why Atlanta was successful and Melbourne only came fourth, but I am sure it did not help Melbourne's already forlorn cause.


Soccer Pools lift Dividends

The First Division prize pool for Australian Soccer Pools is edging up towards the \$1 million mark.

At September 15 the booty for week 269 was estimated to reach \$900,000.

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NSW STATE LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS

Canberra Croatia decimates Saints

BY GRAHAM COOKE

A dashing second-half hat-trick from Andy Ravello and a superb display from Ray Junna highlighted a mighty Canberra Croatia 6-0 win over St George in a NSW Soccer League semi-final at Deakin Oval on

Avala supreme in derby

A surprisingly large crowd travelled along to Bensley Road for a hastily arranged final round match between Avala and Sydney Macedonia on Monday night.

The Yugoslav derby held the promise of a semi-final place for Sydney Macedonia if they could collect both points, but Avala had other ideas and ran out 2-0 winners.

The Serbian club has had a wretched season, but fired on this occasion, aided by some good fortune in their own goalmouth.

On one occasion Macedonia hit the woodwork and Avala made the most of the early let-off to go two up by the break.

In the 12th minute John McKie received a lofted ball forward by Stephen Berry down the right wing, spotted Avellino slightly off his line and proceeded to hit a good volley over the 'keeper's head.

Similar good work by Berry, a former Blacktown City prospect, led to Avala's second goal in the 34th. Berry's cross from the right was eagerly awaited by John McKie and Boban Ivastanin and the pressure they put on George Souris caused the defender to put the ball into his own net.

McKie had his best game in a while and Ivastanin, introduced to the side recently, showed good signs of fitting in to the side, on a regular basis, up front.

19 year old Drago Vrankovic and 21 year old Scott Ashton did a good job marking Macedonia's livewire duo Gilbert and Kadric with the latter eventually being substituted.

Make no mistake, Macedonia meant business and they threw everything at Avala, especially in the second half, but could not break back and consequently St George took the vacant 4th spot in the semi-finals.

AVALA: Rodic, Vrankovic, Gelekamp, Benitez, Ashton, Berry, Meades, Fitzharris, Nastoski, McKie Ivastanin.

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino, Souris, Cakovski, Pilovski, Reveley, Kotsias, Baillie, Fernandez, Gilbert, Bozkovski, Kadric.

REFEREE: Peter Spiers.

— PAUL GOODWIN



RAY JUNNA

Wednesday night.

This was a Canberra side which left its opponents chasing shadows for most of the 90 minutes.

St George's night of woe began early.

After just four minutes, goalkeeper Andrew Prentice and defender Steve Hickman appeared to have a long ball into the area well under control.

Then, incredibly, they crashed into each other — and the ball ran

free for a surprised and delighted Junna to kick into an undefended net.

Then Junna got the ball on the left and crossed for Stan Dukic to blast home from close range.

And the Saints' defence was found wanting again when Vanzetti laid on an excellent pass to Junna, who gave Croatia a 3-0 half-time lead.

Anthony Giannasca, a spectator in the Croatia goal for most of the

first-half, was called into action in the 68th minute when he had to go full stretch to claw a Hickman header out of the air.

Junna was receiving close attention — too close referee Murray ruled, awarding a penalty when the little striker was pulled down.

Junna took the kick but Prentice, diving to his right, pushed it round the post.

The corner fell to George Kulcsar, who hammered his shot well over.

Croatia's fourth goal was the first for substitute Andy Ravello.

He did all the preliminary work, feeding the ball into the area, then, with a posse of Saints seemingly unable to cope with the situation, nipping in to finish the move.

And the best was saved till last.

Kulcsar took a quick throw-in, headed on by Junna for Ravello to tap home.

Then the youngster grabbed what might well be the fastest hat-trick seen at Deakin when he put home Croatia's sixth after lead-up work from, inevitably, Kulcsar and Junna.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Giannasca, Marcina, Jancevski (Milin 63), Vanzetti, Dunn, Young, Kulcsar, Dukic, Junna, Serena (Ravello 63), Mazis.

ST GEORGE: Prentice, Ciantar, Augerinos (Detrids 68), Folladosa, Hickman, McGregor, Kakakios (Jerman 52), Watson, Freeston, Poric, Adioski.

REFEREE: N. Murray.

CROWD: 389.

BHP Australs win 1-0

BY PAUL GOODWIN

THIS washed out game from Sunday which was transferred from Cromer Park to Plum Park, Lisarow, could have been expected to produce an interesting, but none too fiery encounter between two sides with nothing at stake except a little pride.

Ultimately a 1-0 result gave Australs two points at the expense of Warringah Freshwater.

It was a match played in a sporting spirit and both teams would have enjoyed the keen tussle even more had three Newcastle players not been sent off for offences, including the use of foul language.

An apparent error by Warringah keeper Frank Mikuletic in the 17th minute allowed defender Mike Boogaard to score the only goal of the game, setting up a win which saw the Newcastle side finish in fifth spot for the season.

Bobby Naumov got past his man on the left flank and crossed



precisely, but hesitancy by Mikuletic gave Boogaard ample time to connect with a waist-high volley.

Warringah attacked with some fluency on the Central Coast pitch, and fully tested the almost unbeatable Austral defence.

In the 21st minute Jose Iriarte, the Argentinian who has really impressed after arriving in mid-season, made a strong run only to be shaken off the ball at the last by David Jones.

Six minutes later Anthony Versi re-

ceived the ball from a free kick after Boogaard failed to head clear and fortunately for the visitors Versi blazed the ball over the bar.

Glenn Sterrey was always involved in the Warringah attacking moves and could have scored himself in the 37th minute when an angled ball across goal was belatedly scrambled off the line by Howard Tredinnick.

Warringah Freshwater, to their credit, kept their heads and maintained a relentless assault on the Newcastle goal in the last 20 minutes, but although eventually severely depleted by sending-offs, Australs held them out.

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Mikuletic, Etherington, Sterrey, Paslich (Oscilowski 81m), Gigliotti, Masi, Morson, de Ceglie, Iriarte, Versi, Battaglia (Grimes 63m).

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, Bowen (sent off 33m), Jones (Roberts 76m), Boogaard, Tredinnick, Naumov, Maier (sent off 90m), McWhirter, Brandt (Miletic 81m), Calmakis (sent off 51m), Gresham.

REFEREE: Alex Spirovski.



Canterbury-Marrickville versus Sutherland State League action from Seymour Shaw Park — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS photo.

Fletcher settles issue for Wollongong Macedonia

BY PAUL GOODWIN

MACEDONIA's remarkable unbeaten run continued on Wednesday night at Ian McLennan Park, Kembla Grange, when the premiers came from behind to defeat Sutherland 2-1.

Despite missing a number of regulars and understandably lacking a sense of urgency early on, the home side got into the right mood once Sutherland stole a 70th minute lead.

Dependable left-back Robbie Sellar, so often used as an extra attacking weapon, steered the ball home from close range after defender Geoff Biscaya had nodded on from a left side corner by Scott Leney.



SCOTT LENEY

Adam Sandy and John Bradley were again to the fore in midfield for Macedonia, this time supported by Zoran Kolevski, in the absence of the injured Paul Kay.

Sellar was the culprit, however, in the 80th minute bringing a Fletcher run to an unceremonious end.

From the resultant free kick the wily Bradley cleared the wall with a tantalizing touch and the ball nestled in the top left corner of the net, leaving Sharks' 'keeper Paul Dart flat-footed.

Before the deadlock was broken both



GRAEME FLETCHER

goalkeepers had held sway, cutting out many goalbound shots and crosses.

The Macedonian side converged on the Sutherland goal in the last ten minutes and spectators began to resign themselves to extra time as there appeared to be no way through the typically solid Sutherland defence.

As has happened so often this year the Wollongong team claimed victory at the death.

With less than a mi-

nute to go Bradley was at work again and the tiny Scot's through ball for Fletcher was nicely finished by the former St George striker, whose low drive from wide on the right sailed past Dart at boot strap height and into the far corner.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Wilson, Cavanagh, Shaw, Matthew Bourke, Martin Bourke, Bradley, Sandy, Kolevski, Thornthwaite, Fletcher, D'Amico.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE: Dart, Sellar, Biscaya, Edmunds, Terry, Tasker, O'Shea, Christodoulou, Leney, Sharp, Bard (Brandtman).

REFEREE: Arthur Owens.

Tuesday Cup at Marconi

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI STADIUM tomorrow night will be the venue for Round 2 of the pre-season Aerolineas Cup in which Melita Eagles, Sydney Olympic, St George and Marconi are competing.

In the early match set down for 6pm, Sydney Olympic clash with St George whilst Marconi take on Melita Eagles at 8pm.

Marconi coach Berti Mariani expects to field his new signing from the AIS, Steve Corica, to replace the injured John Markovski.

Mariani was pleased last Friday night with the return of Zlatko Nasteviski, who is making a courageous comeback from a full knee reconstruction operation.

Ian Gray also showed he had recovered from his ankle injury.

The final round of the



ZLATKO NASTEVISKI

series will shift back to the St George Stadium this Thursday night when St George face Melita at 6pm and Marconi lines up against Sydney Olympic at 8pm.

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NSW double to W'gong Macedonia

BY LEN CHAFER

the 67th minute, when Bradley cornered from the left.

The ball came loose in the penalty area, and Macedonia's John Cavanah was on hand to slot it home from six yards.

Six minutes later Macedonia forced another corner on the left.

Bradley again placed a perfect ball in Canberra's area.

Andrew Young of Canberra headed the ball away, but straight to the feet of Matthew Bourke, who was unmarked on the edge of the box.

Bourke drove the ball hard and low into the corner of the net.

Canberra pushed players forward and forced a couple of corners.

But Peter Wilson, the Macedonia keeper, who played safely all day, collected the crosses with ease.

The visitors had no answer in attack, where Wollongong used the wings well and also played long balls down the middle of the park.

In the first half neither team looked like scoring, and the only real chance came in the 30th minute when Canberra found

the Wollongong defence flat-footed.

A perfect cross came over from the left and Canberra's Andrew Ravello headed the

oski had his hands full issuing six yellow cards throughout the game.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Wilson, Cavanah, Shaw (Koloski 85m), Dimov, Cabas-



BRETT THORNTHWAITE

Both goals came in the late stages of the match from corners from the boot of the keen John Bradley. The first arrived in

BHP Austral in under 19 final

BY PAUL GOODWIN

BHP Austral reached the grand final of the First Division under 19 championship when they defeated Blacktown City 2-1 after extra-time at Austral Park on Sunday.

They will play Canberra Croatia, who defeated Warringah Freshwater 1-0 in the other semi-final.

The first goal of the game did not arrive until the 87th minute and it was Blacktown who scored it.

Steve Tuyman, on one of his many overlapping runs, found Steve Xuereb, whose volley left Dunkley grasping at thin air.

Wayne Achurch, who could have cut out that Tuyman cross, redeemed himself by setting up Brad Evans, whose angled drive two minutes later, took the game into extra-time.

Halpin and Roberts combined to put Richard Johnson in for Australs' winning goal in the eighth minute of extra-time.

BHP AUSTRAL: Dunkley, Roberts, Gresham (Devon 3m), Achurch, Moyle, Evans, Burt, McWhirter (Blackall 94m), Leatherbarrow, Halpin, Johnson.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Caravaggio, Tuyman, Casserly, Beggie, Cutler, Mannix (Rogers), Abi-Arrage, Bourke, Maloney, Xuereb, Shipley. REFEREE: D. Bartlett.

GRAND FINALS

DIV 3: 1st grade: Pt Hacking 3, Mt Pritchard 2, U19: Mt Pritchard 2 Canterbury & District 0.

DIV 4: 1st grade: Concord Jun 3 Belmore Hercules 0. 2nd grade: Nineveh Eagles 1 Spanish Club 0.

DIV 5: 1st grade: W D Hellas 2g10pen Prospect Utd 2g9pen. 2nd grade: Prospect Utd 1g4pen Sydney University 1g3pen.

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— Kevin Bermeister, Manager Director, Ozisoft

Dulwich Hill wins the Division 2 grand final

BY PAUL GOODWIN

A jubilant Dulwich Hill Madeira side rounded off a successful season with a convincing 2-0 win over Southern Districts in the Second Division grand final, played at Christie Park yesterday.

Goals by Zaya Jabrael in the 31st minute and Carlos Donoso in the 60th were ample proof that Dulwich Hill had held all the aces.

After early probing by Southern Districts, Dulwich Hill began to get on top and the lively Donoso found space on the right, got to the byeline and his first-time cross was nodded in nicely at the far post by Jabrael.

It was a similar pattern in the second half.

Donoso put Dennis Duarte into a scoring position in the 57th minute, but the competition's joint leading scorer was just wide.

Three minutes later, however, Donoso put

his side two goals up when he was in receipt of a fine cross from the right byeline by youngster Jere Matosin and although the defence attempted to clear, eventually Donoso hooked the ball into the roof of the net at the near post.

Peter Dameski almost made it three in the 71st minute with a low shot from the left across the face of goal.

Donoso also blasted over the bar from point-blank range, but with Southern Districts mounting their final assault Dulwich Hill stood firm.

Twice in quick succession George Johnson and Jabrael cleared off the line and



JOHN GREGSON

Rosebery Portugal takes under 19s

ROSEBERY Portugal defeated a depleted Southern Districts 1-0 in the U19 final at Christie Park.

Persistence by Rosebery full-back Charlie Morales led to a cross from the right byeline by Stevie McComb, which was met at the far post by an excellent header from Ashley Cross.

Cross obviously celebrated his 18th birthday in super style.

Southern Districts had only one real chance, when in the third minute defender Ilker Keselik hit the bar.

The game was a little fiery during the first half, but settled down after the break, when Rosebery began to dominate proceedings leading to a well-deserved victory.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: Harris, Jeff Gregson, Keselik, Curry, Kadayifo, Kalgantoglu, Ozcan, (Cetinay), Sacco (Arslan), de Bonardi, Dimaio, Can.

ROSEBERY: Bihari, Morales, Mav Morordakos, Fernandes, Palapanis, Fountas, Fanning, Comber (N. Correia), G. Correia, Cross, McComb (Ascencio).

REFEREE: J. Kitchman.

— PAUL GOODWIN



RADOVAN FILIPOVIC

a further shot by Leo Ulloa was blocked, leaving the Portuguese club with the spoils.

A delighted Dulwich Hill team was piped off the pitch by a four-piece band, brought along specially for the occasion, following presentation of the trophy by NSW Federa-

tion director Steve Kenny.

DULWICH HILL: Farrar, Matosin, Johnson, Beres, Ziras, Gaffney, Donoso, Triantafyllou, Duarte, Jabrael, Dameski (Karavatakis 82m).

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: Silkecki, C. Genc, Coutts, Younan, Gregson, Casserly, Senol, Ozgicsek (Akdogan 65m), Filipovic (Can 85m), Read, Ulloa.

REFEREE: John Bowdler.



BIROL SERTBAS

NSW 2ND DIVISION

Coaches chose their toplineers

BY PAUL GOODWIN

THE Second Division coaches have all chosen their ideal team drawn from the resources of all their opponents during the season, and they have come up with some very interesting combinations.

The first selections are shown below and the rest will be included later, together with a composite side based on total points for all players.

There have been many fine players on show in 2nd Division this year, including three on loan from NSL clubs and many promising newcomers.

The older hands have not been overlooked and still make a valuable contribution at this level, where skill still appears to be a respected commodity.

This has made many games very entertaining, more so than a number of 1st Division games, it must be said.

Jim Foley (Central Coast):

R. Pinto (Aub), Erkin Osman (Rby), K. Gaffney (DH), J. Gregson (SD), A. Robertson (Wav), A. Genc (SD), H. Gimenez (SD), V. Zoric (Aub), W. Farnsworth (MD), A. Ferris (GC), D. Duarte (DH).

Les de Celis (Gladesville):

P. Van der Leeden (P), D. Northam (CC), G. Johnson (DH), K. Gaffney (DH), R. Thompson (P), Z. Jabrael (DH), R. Esposito (GC), V. Zoric (Aub), G. Tasdemir (SD), A. Ferris (GC), S. Disch (CV). Reserves: K. Farrar (DH), W. Farnsworth (MD), M. Pereira (GC).

Allan Boyce (Manly):

K. Farrar (DH), R. Younan (SD), G. Genc (SD), I. Wotherspoon (Wav), L. Akdogan (SD), J. Ziras (DH), T. O'Shana (FC), D. Duarte (DH), A. Ferris (GC), R. Galloway (FC), K. Cross (Rby).

David Naylor (Peter-sham):

D. Hayes (FC), J. Garrett (MW), J. Gregson (SD), J. Ziras (DH), G. Johnson (DH), J. Kelly (GH), H. Gimenez (SD), A. Genc (SD), G. Williamson (GH), S. Disch (CV), A. Ferris (GC). Reserves: K. Farrar (DH), B. Sertbas (SD), P. Domeski (DH), P. Harriott (Rby), D. Duarte (DH).

Wayne Farnsworth (Mount Druitt):

K. Farrar (DH), G. Hatton (CV), D. Northam (CC), A. Robertson (Wav), J. Ziras (DH), J. Watson

(Wav), C. Ortiz (GC), Erkin Osman (Rby), D. Duarte (DH), A. Ferris (GC), A. Genc (SD). Reserves: G. Woodhouse (CV), B. Sertbas (SD), H. Gimenez (SD), T. Gavin (MW).

Ron Gogic (Rosebery):

P. Van der Leeden (P), D. Kevern (P), G. Hastie (FC), C. Genc (SD), R. Thompson (P), A. Genc (SD), J. Watson (Wav), Z. Jabrael (DH), C. Jones (FC), B. Walker (Wav), A. Ferris (GC). Reserves: B.

Bosevski (MD), D. Duarte (DH), D. Northam (CC), C. Jones (FC), R. Lira (DH).

Alec Robertson (Waverley):

G. Woodhouse (CV), C. Genc (SD), J. Johnson (DH), M. Butler (MW), Z. Beres (DH), T. Oshana (FC), Erkin Osman (Rby), G. Hatton (CV), A. Ferris (GC), D. Read (SD), P. Harriott (Rby). Reserves: P. Van der Leeden (P), R. Eldridge (GH), T. Gavin (MW).



AYTEC GENC

Newcastle, Canberra to remain in NSW

A meeting of NSW League clubs in Sydney has expressed a preference to retain Newcastle BHP and Canberra Croatia in the competition next season.

The two clubs come from areas outside the jurisdiction of the NSW Soccer Federation and have played in the league over the last four seasons in order to qualify for promotion to the Quit National League.

It had been suggested that with the areas guaranteed a QNSL place in 1991 under the recommendations of the

Bradley Report, there was no need for them to continue to be represented in the competition.

Federation general manager Ian Holmes said that while the Northern NSW Federation had already made it clear it wanted Newcastle to stay on, he had yet to hear the official ACT position on Canberra Croatia.

— GRAHAM COOKE



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Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

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RESULTS OF
WEEK 269 SAT 22 SEPTEMBER, 1990

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):
1, 8, 31, 33, 36, 38.
Supplementary Number: 30

THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 270
SAT. 29th SEPTEMBER, 1990

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	CHELSEA	SHEFF. UTD.	1
	COVENTRY	Q.P.R.	2
	DERBY	CRYSTAL P.	3
	EVERTON	SOUTHAMPTON	4
	LEEDS	ARSENAL	5
	MAN. UTD.	NOTTINGHAM F.	6
	NORWICH	LUTON	7
	SUNDERLAND	LIVERPOOL	8
	TOTTENHAM	ASTON VILLA	9
	WIMBLEDON	MAN. CITY	10
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BLACKBURN	BRIGHTON	11
	BRISTOL C.	NEWCASTLE	12
	CHARLTON	BARNSELY	13
	HULL	PORT VALE	14
	IPSWICH	WATFORD	15
	MIDDLESBRO	LEICESTER	16
	NOTTS. C.	BRISTOL R.	17
	OXFORD UTD.	WOLVES	18
	PORTSMOUTH	PLYMOUTH	19
	SHEFF. WED.	WEST HAM	20
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	WEST BROM.	OLDHAM	21
	BIRMINGHAM	PRESTON	22
	BOURNEMOUTH	FULHAM	23
	BRENTFORD	GRIMSBY	24
	BURY	CREWE	25
	CHESTER	HUDDERSFIELD	26
	EXETER	CAMBRIDGE U.	27
	LEYTON O.	BRADFORD C.	28
	MANSFIELD	SOUTHEND	29
	ROTHERHAM	READING	30
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	STOKE	SHREWSBURY	31
	BLACKPOOL	HARTLEPOOL	32
	DONCASTER	DARLINGTON	33
	HEREFORD	STOCKPORT	34
	MAIDSTONE	LINCOLN	35
	NORTHAMPTON	HALIFAX	36
	PETERBORO	TORQUAY	37
	ROCHDALE	WALSALL	38
ENGLISH DIVISION 5	SCUNTHORPE	CARDIFF	39
	WREXHAM	CHESTERFIELD	40
	YORK	GILLINGHAM	41
	MERTHYR T.	SUTTON UTD.	42
	RUNCORN	COLCHESTER	43
	TELFORD	MACCLESFIELD	44
	WELLING UTD.	NORTHWICH	45
	DUNFERMLINE	HIBERNIAN	46
	HEARTS	DUNDEE U.	47
	RANGERS	MOTHERWELL	48
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	S. JOHNSTONE	ABERDEEN	49
	ST. MIRREN	CELTIC	50
	AYR	RAITH	51
	CLYDE	AIRDRIE	52
	CLYDEBANK	MEADOWBANK	53
	DUNDEE	KILMARNOCK	54
	FALKIRK	FORFAR	55
SCOTTISH DIVISION 2	GLASGOW C.	GLASGOW R.	56
	GLASGOW H.	GLASGOW W.	57
	GLASGOW U.	GLASGOW V.	58
	GLASGOW X.	GLASGOW Y.	59
	GLASGOW Z.	GLASGOW A.	60
	GLASGOW B.	GLASGOW C.	61
	GLASGOW D.	GLASGOW E.	62
	GLASGOW F.	GLASGOW G.	63
	GLASGOW H.	GLASGOW I.	64
	GLASGOW J.	GLASGOW K.	65

RESERVE MATCHES

* Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

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MATCH RESULTS WEEK 269

SAT. 22nd SEPTEMBER, 1990

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	ASTON VILLA	Q.P.R.	1	2-2*
	CHELSEA	MAN. CITY	2	1-1
	LUTON	COVENTRY	3	1-0
	MAN. UTD.	SOUTHAMPTON	4	3-2
	NORWICH	DERBY	5	2-1
	NOTTINGHAM F.	ARSENAL	6	0-2
	TOTTENHAM	CRYSTAL P.	7	1-1
	WIMBLEDON	SUNDERLAND	8	2-2*
	BARNSELY	PORT VALE	9	1-1
	BRISTOL C.	BRIGHTON	10	3-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	CHARLTON	MILLWALL	11	0-0
	HULL	WEST BROM.	12	1-1
	IPSWICH	BRISTOL R.	13	2-1
	LEICESTER	SHEFF. WED.	14	2-4
	MIDDLESBRO	OLDHAM	15	0-1
	NEWCASTLE	WEST HAM	16	1-1
	OXFORD UTD.	SWINDON	17	2-4
	PORTSMOUTH	BLACKBURN	18	3-2
	WATFORD	NOTTS. C.	19	1-3
	WOLVES	PLYMOUTH	20	3-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	BRADFORD C.	SWANSEA	21	0-1
	BRENTFORD	BOLTON	22	4-2
	BURY	MANSFIELD	23	1-0
	EXETER	BOURNEMOUTH	24	2-0
	HUDDERSFIELD	READING	25	0-2
	LEYTON O.	ROTHERHAM	26	3-0
	PRESTON	FULHAM	27	1-0
	SHREWSBURY	GRIMSBY	28	1-2
	STOKE	SOUTHEND	29	4-0
	WIGAN A.	BIRMINGHAM	30	1-1*
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	CARDIFF	STOCKPORT	31	3-3*
	CARLISLE	HARTLEPOOL	32	1-0
	CHESTERFIELD	BLACKPOOL	33	2-2*
	GILLINGHAM	MAIDSTONE	34	0-2
	NORTHAMPTON	PETERBORO	35	1-2
	ROCHDALE	SCARBORO	36	1-1*
	WALSALL	HEREFORD	37	0-0
	WREXHAM	DARLINGTON	38	1-1*
ENGLISH DIVISION 5	GLASGOW C.	GLASGOW R.	39	1-1
	GLASGOW H.	GLASGOW W.	40	1-1
	GLASGOW U.	GLASGOW V.	41	1-1
	GLASGOW X.	GLASGOW Y.	42	1-1
	GLASGOW Z.	GLASGOW A.	43	1-1
	GLASGOW B.	GLASGOW C.	44	1-1
	GLASGOW D.	GLASGOW E.	45	1-1
	GLASGOW F.	GLASGOW G.	46	1-1
	GLASGOW H.	GLASGOW I.	47	1-1
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VIC STATE RESERVES

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Altona Gate	34	23	7	4	81	22	53
H.berg City	34	22	7	4	77	24	51
Morwell	34	19	6	6	64	36	47
Fawkner	34	19	5	10	89	43	43
St Albans	34	16	10	8	68	41	42
SA Albans	34	19	2	13	38	34	40
Thomastown	34	14	11	5	56	40	37
N.ote City	34	15	6	13	57	37	36
Croydon City	34	14	7	12	58	48	35
Caulfield	34	16	2	16	61	54	34
R.wood City	34	11	5	18	42	69	27
Green Gully	34	10	6	18	53	67	26
Bex Hill	34	10	6	18	37	56	26
Mooroolbark	34	4	10	20	17	70	16
F.oton Pines	34	3	8	23	47	98	14
Altona	34	3	8	23	27	94	14
M.our City	34	4	5	24	31	127	13

VIC DIV ONE FIRSTS

Doveton	26	15	7	3	41	21	39
Oakleigh	26	17	4	5	48	28	38
Springle City	26	15	7	4	46	24	37
Westgate	26	13	7	6	45	25	33
Port Melbourne	26	14	4	29	31	30	28
Knox City	26	11	6	9	36	35	28
Nth. Geelong	26	10	5	11	45	24	25
Western Suburbs	26	8	10	10	39	34	24
Werribee	26	8	7	11	32	23	22
Mordialloc	26	8	6	12	27	25	22
Essendon City	26	7	7	12	28	21	21
M.orth. Polonia	26	4	12	10	33	41	20
Sandringham	26	5	4	17	19	43	14
Broadmeadows	26	3	4	19	14	41	10

VIC DIV ONE RESERVES

Doveton	26	18	8	0	71	19	44
Nth. Geelong	26	15	4	5	66	28	36
Port Melbourne	26	14	6	8	52	30	34
Oakleigh	26	13	8	5	49	29	34
Springle City	26	14	4	5	41	25	32
Essendon City	26	11	6	9	46	34	28
M.orth. Polonia	26	11	6	9	46	34	28
Knox City	26	10	6	10	47	51	26
Werribee	26	7	6	13	40	58	20
Western Suburbs	26	6	3	15	43	19	19
Broadmeadows	26	5	3	14	43	19	19
Sandringham	26	4	4	16	31	52	16
Westgate	26	4	4	16	30	60	12
Mordialloc	26	4	4	18	30	60	12

VIC DIV TWO FIRSTS

Bell Park	26	14	9	3	37	13	37
Brighton	26	16	5	4	47	27	37
Kellor	26	17	2	7	53	26	36
Hunawad. City	26	10	9	7	46	33	29
Chelsea	26	10	9	7	40	33	28
Clifton Hill	26	11	6	9	30	30	28
Doncaster	26	7	12	7	31	31	26
Dandenong	26	10	5	11	37	24	25
Waverley City	26	8	10	34	39	24	24
Sunbury Utd.	26	9	6	11	41	28	24
Geelong	26	9	6	11	41	28	24
Richmond	26	7	12	18	20	21	21
Colburn	26	5	3	18	24	63	13
Ringwood Utd.	26	2	7	17	25	58	11

VIC DIV TWO RESERVES

Clifton Hill	26	19	3	4	68	30	41
Waverley City	26	17	4	5	63	23	38
Doncaster	26	15	8	3	59	23	38
Kellor	26	14	8	4	53	30	36
Brighton	26	15	5	4	49	25	35
Sunbury Utd.	26	13	4	9	41	31	30
Bell Park	26	10	7	9	38	34	27
Dandenong	26	10	5	11	39	38	25
Richmond	26	9	4	13	71	52	22
Hunawad. City	26	8	5	13	50	40	21
Geelong	26	8	4	14	39	45	20
Chelsea	26	6	2	18	23	83	14
Colburn	26	5	2	19	29	87	12
Ringwood Utd.	26	2	1	23	14	104	5

VIC DIV THREE FIRSTS

Altona City	26	17	6	3	67	32	40
Bentleigh Green	26	17	6	3	49	25	40
Holland Park	26	14	7	5	53	29	35
Clarendon	26	11	8	7	27	20	39
Seaford Utd.	26	12	5	9	50	37	29
Corio-Geelong	26	11	7	4	46	41	27
Heidelberg City	26	11	7	25	29	27	27
Lalor United	26	9	8	9	42	39	26
Clayton	26	8	9	9	44	35	25
Moorabbin City	26	6	9	11	24	36	21
EL.Diam. Valley	26	6	8	12	26	34	21
Springle Utd.	26	7	4	15	28	58	18
Mornington	26	5	4	17	33	55	14
Yarraville	26	2	8	16	18	54	12

VIC DIV THREE RESERVES

Lalor United	26	18	5	3	52	28	41
Altona City	26	18	1	7	57	32	37
Clayton	26	16	4	6	60	20	37
Moorabbin City	26	15	6	6	64	27	35
Seaford Utd.	26	14	5	7	60	34	27
EL.Diam. Valley	26	13	5	8	59	44	31
Clarendon	26	12	2	12	45	46	26
Bentleigh Green	26	8	10	50	56	24	21
Heidelberg City	26	8	13	48	50	21	21
Corio-Geelong	26	9	14	52	67	21	21
Springle Utd.	26	6	15	48	69	17	17

VIC DIV FOUR FIRSTS

Holland Park	26	7	2	17	58	83	16
Mornington	26	7	1	18	32	77	15
Yarraville	26	4	3	19	22	78	11

VIC DIV FOUR RESERVES

E. Bruns-Ivan	26	16	7	3	50	20	39
MoreParkRang.	26	16	7	3	52	27	39
Pascoe Vale	26	16	7	3	50	27	39
Spring. Condors	26	14	3	9	50	25	31
Regent	26	12	6	8	49	29	30
MoreParkRang.	26	8	11	7	31	34	27
Hawthorn	26	10	5	11	45	39	25
Langwarrin	26	8	7	11	24	31	23
Hamlyn Rang.s	26	6	11	9	38	49	23
Karingal Utd.	26	7	8	11	37	45	22
Boronia	26	7	6	13	35	58	20
Rosanna	26	7	5	14	29	45	19
Ferntree Gully	26	4	10	12	28	52	18
Yallourn	26	1	7	18	24	61	9

VIC PROV ONE FIRSTS

Sth. Dandenong	26	16	7	3	64	29	39
Cranebourne	26	17	4	5	40	13	38
Sth. Werribee	26	14	8	4	62	36	36
Malvern City	26	14	5	7	55	29	33
Nth. Sunshine	26	12	6	8	41	30	30
Altona East	26	11	7	9	38	37	29
Melton	26	10	6	10	49	38	26
Williamstown	26	10	9	36	40	26	26
Westvale	26	8	11	32	46	24	24
Berwick City	26	7	9	10	44	36	23
Brunswick City	26	7	9	10	32	46	23
Forest Hill	26	6	9	14	40	48	21
East Geelong	26	5	9	12	26	44	15
M.riel Ranger	26	4	6	16	26	58	14
Keysborough	26	3	5	18	19	76	11

VIC PROV ONE RESERVES

Malvern City	26	18	4	3	85	44	40
Westvale	26	17	3	9	45	34	35
Sth. Dandenong	26	15	4	7	59	33	34
Williamstown	26	13	8	6	52	47	34
Nth. Sunshine	26	12	8	6	49	26	32
Melton	26	12	8	6	42	30	32
Sth. Werribee	26	11	7	7	54	38	29
Altona East	26	12	5	10	60	48	29
Mossfield Ranger	26	10	6	10	36	40	26
Berwick City	26	9	5	12	41	53	23
Cranebourne	26	8	4	14	48	20	20
East Geelong	26	7	6	13	39	50	20
Forest Hill	26	6	4	16	32	66	14
Keysborough	26	4	4	18	26	70	12
Brunswick City	26	2	6	18	25	63	10

VIC PROV TWO FIRSTS

Frankton Utd.	28	21	4	3	70	29	46
Sth. Springvale	28	20	5	2	63	21	45
Ascot St. Marks	28	17	4	6	64	31	38
Lalor	28	16	6	5	57	31	38
Lyndale Utd.	28	16	5	7	58	40	37
Ballaarat	28	14	8	6	48	29	36
Meadow Park	28	13	5	10	50	55	31
Brimston	28	11	5	12	41	49	27
Brandon Park	28	7	9	11	32	39	23
Fitzroy City	28	7	8	13	31	42	22
Port United	28	7	6	15	33	58	20
Waverley Utd.	28	7	4	16	33	48	18
Unl. of Melb.	28	6	6	16	31	48	18
South Yarra	28	5	6	17	27	53	16
Kew Eagles	28	4	6	18	35	70	16
R.wood Rovers	28	4	5	18	24	54	13

VIC PROV TWO RESERVES

Ballaarat	28	19	5	4	79	30	43
Sth. Springvale	28	17	5	4	70	26	41
Meadow Park	28	16	7	5	58	38	39
Holland Park	28	14	7	6	40	19	37
Frankton Utd.	28	15	7	4	59	35	34
Unl. of Melb.	28	12	5	8	44	38	32
Lyndale Utd.	28	13	6	8	44	38	32
Ascot St. Marks	28	14	3	10	59	44	31
Waverley Utd.	28	10	4	13	37	53	24
Brimston	28	7	9	12	30	42	23
Fitzroy City	28	7	10	13	49	74	23
Lalor	28	6	10	12	39	37	22
Springle City A	28	9	4	15	53	64	22
Brandon Park	28	7	8	13	43	54	22
Port United	28	8	4	15	37	59	22
R.wood Rovers	28	7	6	15	34	65	18
Kew Eagles	28	1	7	20	22	75	9

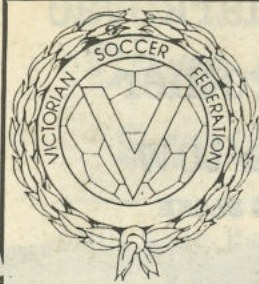
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Dockerty Cup semi-finals Easy for Melbourne Croatia

BY DAVID BULLOCK

MELBOURNE Croatia finally ended Mooroolbark's unbeaten League and Cup run with a crushing 4-0 victory in the first semi-final of the Dockerty Cup on Wednesday night.

Mooroolbark, riding on the crest of a wave after having been undefeated in their past 12 matches, were blitzed by a ruthless Croatia, strengthened by the return of Alan Davidson from injury and stunning individual displays from Ivan Duzel and Josip Biskic.

Croatia took the lead 16 minutes into the first half when Francis Awaritefe scored from close range after getting on the end of a brilliant cut back pass from Marko Silic.

Ten minutes later, Croatia extended their lead when Silic once again sent in a clever cross that caught the Barkers' defence off



FRANCIS AWARITEFE — two goals.

Steve Smith's goal ousts George Cross

BY DAVID BULLOCK

A stunning goal six minutes into the first period of extra-time clinched Brunswick Juventus a berth in the final of the Dockerty Cup.

Having already knocked Preston and South Melbourne out of the Gold Cup and Dockerty Cups respectively, Juventus claimed their third NSL scalp in eight days with a hard fought victory against a vibrant and keen Sunshine George Cross.

George Cross, having impressed in their quarter-final victory over Morwell four days prior, included unsettled midfielder Ernie Tapai in their starting line-up.

After a brisk opening 15 minutes, the match was a titanic battle for supremacy, with both goalkeepers, Pat Marrama and Sean Keogh, called upon to produce telling and brilliant saves to stop the deadlock being broken.

Keogh in particular was in scintillating form, with a string of fine saves, thwarting efforts from Damian

Mori, Paul Della Rocca and Scott Patterson, all from close range.

With the score locked at 0-0 at the end of 90 minutes, the game went into extra-time.

Five minutes into the first period of extra-time Tapai was denied from point-blank range when he ran onto a pass from Troy Cranney, hitting a crisp shot.

Mammara made a miraculous save to keep Georgie at bay.

One minute later, Steve Smith finally broke through for Juventus with a goal that brought the crowd and the Brunswick coaching bench to their feet.

Collecting a pass from Patterson on the right, Smith twisted and turned his marker on the edge of the area. Picking his spot, he cracked a superb left foot shot into the roof of the net.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marrama, Morley, Mori, Della Rocca, De Amicis, Lane, Woodall, Sabatino, Doyle (Bellie 80m), Patterson, Smith.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh, Fabrizio, Roodhouse, Ketsakidis, Waddell, Kindtner, Cranney, Hunter, Tapai, Clarkson, Zacharias (Foster 69m).

YELLOW CARDS: Tapai 90m for Sunshine.
REFEREE: Barry Grant.

guard and unable to clear the ball.

Awaritefe was on hand to simply head home from close range.

Mooroolbark's best chance in the first half came in the 31st minute when former Croatia player David Brogan hit a powerful shot on goal, only to be denied by a great diving save by keeper David Miller.

Croatia took a stranglehold on the match in the 65th minute when a clever one-two between Duzel and Biskic ended in the latter firing a thundering shot into the back of the net past a helpless Les Long.

Bobby Russell nearly pulled a goal back for Mooroolbark in the 84th minute when his well struck header went centimetres wide of the right post.

Ivan Kelic rounded off the scoring one minute from full-time, collecting a neat through ball from substitute Joe Caleta.

With only the goalkeeper to beat, Kelic rounded Long and easily slotted the ball into the net.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Miller, Talajic, Bergam (Caleta 81m), Davidson, Hannah, Silic (Bacak 75m), Selemidis, Biskic, Kelic, Duzel, Awaritefe.

MOOROOLBARK: Long, Russell, Campbell, Priestley, Burton, O'Shea, Kincaid (Beale 46m), McCallum (French 71m), Brogan, House, Heys.

YELLOW CARDS: Beale 63m, Priestley 72m, Brogan 80m for Mooroolbark.

REFEREE: John Santa Isabel.

Heidelberg qualifies from VSF to 1990/91 National League

BY DAVID BULLOCK

HEIDELBERG defeated Brisbane Lions 4-1 at the Olympic Village yesterday, and qualified for the 1990/91 National Soccer League competition on goal difference.

They edged out Adelaide Hellas, who also gained five points in the competition, with 10 goals for and 5 against, with the Adelaide side reading 4:5.

The Brisbane Lions ran last with two points, and 4:8.

Victory set up Heidelberg for a big attendance when they meet Sunshine George Cross in the first NSL round away on Sunday October 7 at Skinner Reserve.

In the fifth minute Paul Lewis was the architect behind Heidelberg's first goal, pressurising Lions defender Arno Bertogna into a mistake.

Lewis sent in a well weighted cross deep from the left.

As the ball was scrambled clear, Phil Stubbins hit a powerful shot into the bottom corner past Kevin Tatton.

In the 24th minute a goal from Lewis was disallowed by referee Richard Lorenc after it was adjudged Lewis had used his hand to help score. One minute later Goutzoulis made an enterprising run which was capped off with a fine shot from the edge of the area crashing into the bottom right hand corner.

Heidelberg captain Garry McDowall made it 3-0 five minutes later when he hit a thundering header past keeper Tatton from a Goutzoulis corner kick from the left.

Two telling saves from Tatton in the 35th and 36th minutes prevented Heidelberg from going even further ahead.

Heidelberg continued their relentless pressure early in the second half and were awarded a penalty by referee Lorenc when Goutzoulis was upended inside the area by Lions' defender David Hunter.

Penalty specialist Stuart Cannell made no mistake with the spot kick, sending the ball low and hard into the left-hand corner.

Sitting on a four goal cushion, Heidelberg began to relax allowing

Brisbane Lions for the first time in the match a chance to get some use of the ball.

With the champagne corks popping in anticipation of the final whistle, Lions' striker Stuart MacLeod scored a consolation goal from close range with four minutes remaining.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Oliver, Kanesoulis, Iliopoulos, McDowall, Cannell (Vassiliadis 79), Stevenson, Stubbins, Herd, Lewis, Goutzoulis (Tsirikas 78), Sifkas.

BRISBANE LIONS: Tatton, Hunter, Slater (Playle 65), Stewart, Bertogna (Lombardo 78), Stowell, Hinton, Mengotti, MacLeod, Milosevic, Smith.

BOOKINGS: Hinton (Brisbane Lions 85th).

REFEREE: R. Lorenc.

CROWD: 2500.

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made out to Sydney Olympic for \$25,000.

But Mr Nogarotto was stunned when Olympic officials told him that Georgakis had changed his mind about transferring.

Mr Nogarotto went downstairs into the Marconi dressing rooms to inform his coach Berti Mariani that the Georgakis deal was now off.

But Mr Nogarotto was again surprised when he spotted Georgakis inside the Marconi dressing room changing into his new Marconi playing strip, getting ready to play for Marconi against St George.

Mr Nogarotto then went back upstairs into the grandstand to inform the surprised Sydney Olympic president, Mr George Pashalis, that Georgakis had again changed his mind and that he was playing for Marconi that night.

With that Mr Nogarotto handed Mr Pashalis the cheque for the \$25,000 transfer.

Georgakis played for Marconi on Friday night, coming on as a sub for the injured John Markovski.

But over the weekend, Georgakis spoke to Hickman and told him that he would still remain at Olympic if certain conditions were met.

Georgakis said that he only wanted to play last Friday with Marconi to see what it was like and that now he didn't want to leave Olympic.

A frustrated Olympic coach, Mick Hickman, who had tried hard to stop the transfer, said last night: "Let the transfer go through".

Andy Humble scoops Bill Fleming Medal

BY GREG BLAKE

CROYDON City goalscoring ace Andy Humble has won the 1990 Bill Fleming Medal for Victorian State League Player of the Year.



Andy Humble celebrates a goal in fine style against Heidelberg.

Humble, scorer of 20 goals during Croydon's league campaign this season, took the award in a tight vote from rising Brunswick Juventus star Fausto De Amicis and third-placed Paul Lewis of Heidelberg.

Heidelberg players Phil Stubbins and Alan Scott filled fourth and fifth placings respectively and Juventus star Sean Lane also polled well to finish sixth.

Humble was awarded the Bill Fleming Medal, as voted on by Victorian media personalities, at a gala function held at a Toorak reception centre last Friday night.

In his fourth season at Croydon, the former Melbourne Croatia striker showed off his best form in 1990 and NSL clubs Sydney Croatia and Sunshine have expressed interest in resurrecting his National League career.

Humble is now favoured to join John Gardiner (1972), Jim Tansey (1976), Tommy Cumming (1978-79), Charlie Egan (1981), Alex Dick (1986), Paul Harris (1987) and Velimir Kupresak (1989) as a 'Fleming' and Gold Medal double winner.

The referee's Gold Medal will be decided on count night on October 5.

In other categories, Heidelberg's Paul Lewis took the top goalscorers'

award after his 21 strikes in 1990; John Santa Isabel scored the referee of the year award, Heidelberg boss Len McKendry was named coach of the year and 1989/90 Southern Division youth player of the year.

Melbourne JUST's Saso Becvinovski made it a double by taking out honours in the Victorian under 21 player of the year section.

Victorian State League team of the year, as decided upon according to Fleming Medal votes, was: Goalkeeper — J. Oliver (Heid). Defenders — F. De Amicis (B. Juve), D. Hogben (GG), G. Brack (Croy), A. Scott (Heid). Midfielders — M. Wilson (GG), A. O'Dell (Fawk), P. Stubbins (Heid). Forwards — A. Humble (Croy), P. Lewis (Heid), S. Smith (B. Juve).

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David Clarkson prepared for the grind ahead

BY GREG BLAKE

IF a week's a long time in football, eight weeks can probably just about make or break a player or coach.

So when Sunshine George Cross star David Clarkson missed the final eight weeks of the 1989/90 campaign his name was close to forgotten.

On the eve of the 1990/91 season the 22-year-old blonde midfielder bombshell is 'back in town' and aiming to etch his name back in the hearts and minds of the George Cross faithful and, hopefully, Aussie coach Eddie Thomson.

I've no doubt Clarkson had potential Soccer written all over him as he led an early season George Cross revival around this time 12 months ago.

But a double hernia "nightmare", as he puts it, spelt the premature end to his first season in the red and white.

After an intensive four month pre-season down the track Clarkson admits to being a bit edgy on the eve of the new season.

"I just can't wait until the season starts," the Tassie-raised former Adelaide City player told ASW.

"Last year the injury just came at the wrong time for me.



DAVID CLARKSON

"For the first time things were really starting to go right for me and I was very disappointed.

"But I had a four day spell in hospital and everything seems to be OK now.

"That sort of injury seems to be pretty common these days and I'm now 100 per cent again.

"All I want now is to get some games under my belt."

No doubt that is a prospect the Sunshine fans are relishing.

From his round four appearance as a substitute against St George, when he crashed home two goals in a 2-2 draw, fans quickly warmed to this cocky, new midfielder.

"I honestly believe we've got a better side than last year.

"We might have a few AIS boys coming in, but that doesn't mean that just because they're young players they can't do a job for you."

But will he be back and ready to hit the same form which established him in the top ten NSL players according to ASW's Player of the Year voting?

"I've been playing and training really well, I feel good and I've got my eye on a green and gold jersey again," he says.



"I learned last year that to get somewhere you have to put in the hard work and since the injury I've been doing just that.

"I'm just looking forward to the season now."

And never one for the understatement, Clarkson is emphatic that the Skinner Reserve die-hards have plenty to look forward to in 1990/91.

"We'll be a good side, don't worry about that," says the self-confessed eternal optimist.

"We'll surprise a few people.

Green light for VSF

BY GREG BLAKE

IT was clear from the opening moments of last Monday night's Victorian Soccer Federation special general meeting, that the state's new 14-team Premier League would finally get the go ahead for next season.

The third such meeting (this year) had drawn the best turnout of clubs, and when VSF executive director George Wallace's opening speech actually received rousing applause it was apparent that the mood of the evening differed from those at the previous affairs.

Wallace spoke at length about what John Dimtsis had termed "a crucial vote for the future of the game" to commence the evening.

"For the sake of the credibility of the game in Victoria I ask that you accept the proposals," ended Wallace's impassioned speech.

To which the gallery responded with keen applause.

The only slight hiccup — which at one stage threatened to throw the meeting into disarray as had happened on previous occasions — was when a Victorian League management committee recommendation for an amendment was put forward.

Ted Seward, on behalf of the VLMC, put forward the suggestion that an amendment to the rule governing promotion be adopted.

The change was to the effect that automatic promotion by the clubs finishing first and second in any division of the new State League competition would only be granted "provided that the clubs meet the ground and facilities criteria for the higher division."

"Clubs without the facilities cannot be promoted," Seward explained.

A representative of Brighton Soccer Club, who was almost howled down when he took the floor on the third of three occasions, suggested an amendment to the amendment to allow 12 months grace in providing such facilities.

His suggestion received little support from an increasingly impatient gathering although a handful of clubs, all in a similarly disadvantaged position in terms of facilities, initially appeared to nod their support.

The Brighton proposal was rejected.

In a show of hands the clubs did, however, support the VLMC's apparently hard-line stand on clubs not prepared to shape up in terms of facilities.

Only one club voted against the change.

As Seward told ASW later: "Clubs have been promising facilities for years."

"It was the opinion of the VLMC that although the rules gov-

erning grounds criteria had been in place for many years they had never been adhered to.

"We had to make sure that we tightened up the rules for the benefit of the game in the long run."

New era

The positive mood of the night was again indicated pre-vote, when further calls for "speakers against" the proposal met with no success.

It left VSF chairman Vito Cilaurto to sum up proceedings by calling the evening "an historic event and the start of a new era."

Finally one VSF chairman, an expensive court action, thousands of man-hours, thousands of dollars and five general meetings after the idea for a premier league was first floated by Jack Reilly, the motion was passed.

An overwhelming 89 'yes' votes to just 12 'no' meant that Victoria's long-awaited Premier League was up and running.

For the VSF powers that be, the decision was cause for celebration.

"You have shown spirit and endeavour here tonight," John Dimtsis told representatives of the member clubs.

"And no doubt your decision will benefit this great game of ours.

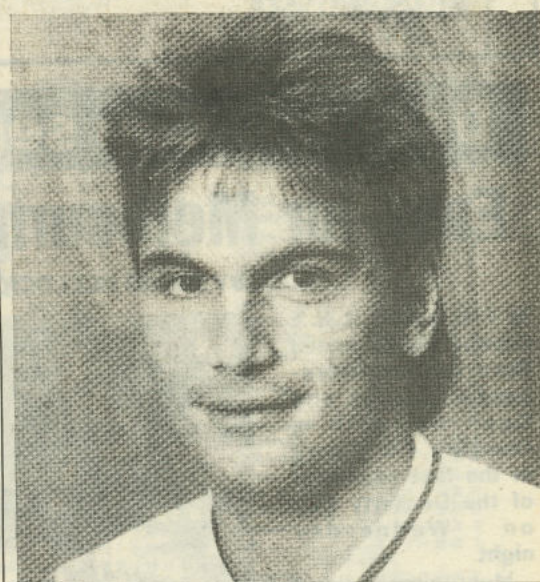
"But that was the easy part and now the hard work begins," Dimtsis added on a sobering note.

Wallace and VLMC's Joe Dockerty were elated.

- A 14-club Premier League will be introduced next season at the head of a four division State League and a five division Provisional League. The current Amateur League will become part of the new Provisional League.
- By 1995 all divisions of the Provisional League and division four of the Victorian League will be exclusively for amateur players.
- No promotion between divisions will be automatic. Promotion will be subject to adherence to strict criteria.
- No new clubs would be admitted to the Federation.
- Every competition would comprise just 14 clubs each by the year 1995.
- The board of management would be restructured.
- The make-up of the long awaited Premier League will consist of the top 12 of 18 clubs to compete in the 1990 State League competition (including the 13th place team should Heidelberg gain promotion) plus the top two teams from the Victorian League first division at the end of the 1990 season.

Robbie Markovac has brother Joe in tow

BY GREG BLAKE



ROBBIE MARKOVAC

THERE were very, very few bright sparks in an otherwise dull season for NSL also-ran Preston in 1989/90.

A finalist the season before, Preston fell away to land with a resounding crash as injuries and some dismal efforts from key players took their toll.

But out of the gloom came Robbie Markovac and in his wake came little brother Joe and both managed to catch the eye for very different reasons.

For Robbie Markovac it was finding the consistency he had so obviously lacked in previous NSL seasons.

Finally the often wayward ability of past seasons at Melbourne Croatia and Sunshine George Cross was harnessed.

For 19 year old Joe it was a fleeting chance to play NSL alongside his big brother.

And for that reason alone it was a season big Robbie relished.

"As long as he doesn't turn out to be better than me it's great to play in the same side as him," says Robbie of Joe.

"It was great seeing him get a run last year and I'd really love to see him make it.

"I believe he will.

"If he keeps his head down and works I'm sure he'll be a player.

"He's got lots of potential.

"I try to give him a few tips here and there but it's up to him if he listens."

Mind you, Robbie Markovac giving advice to anyone a few years back wouldn't have been on.

It took until last season for local fans to see that Markovac's seemingly wasted talents weren't wasted after all.

It took Markovac that long to realise it was up to him not to waste them.

"I am certainly a more dedicated player now than I ever was," he admits.

"When you're younger you just think it's all going to happen and that's the way I thought early on in my career.

"You earn State and Aussie squad selection and you think it's all just going to happen.

"It took me some time to find it that wasn't the case."

Markovac says the keys have been dedication and fitness, as well as learning by mistakes.

"I think the important factor last year was getting myself really fit," he told ASW.

"Because the game here is not professional you can get an advantage if you work on your fitness.

"You can do more than other players and that can be critical in a game.

"And if you have a bad spell, as I did, you can use it to your advantage if you can learn from it."

"I feel better and fitter again this season, particularly with John (Gardiner) working us so hard during the pre-season.

"I've still got to work for my position but I'm going to try and ensure that I have a better season this year than last.

"At this stage I'm raring to go."

Markovac says his previous experience with new Preston coach Gardiner back in the George Cross days gives him some confidence for the new year.

"Last year was just awful, a season we want to forget," he says.

"But all along I have believed that there is plenty of potential at this club and John is just the man to get the very best out of these players."

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Caps galore for South Korean

CHOI Soon Ho, South Korea's world class midfielder who performed so splendidly against the Socceroos in Seoul and Pusan recently, is set to become the most capped player ever.



CHOI SOON HO

Choi, still only 28 years of age, made his 104th international appearance (full caps) against the Socceroos in Pusan.

With the Asian Games, currently underway in Beijing, and South Korea favoured for the gold medal, it appears only a matter of time before the talented Choi passes Peter Shilton's

record number of caps (125).

One would have to rate the elegant Choi one of Korea's all time great players.

With another four good years of international football left in him, Choi could well reach the 150 cap mark before hanging up his boots — a record that will take some beating.

HERE AND THERE

Some radio times for local soccer...

* Radio 2SSFM Canberra at 8am every Saturday morning.

* Radio 6PR Perth with Gary Corvolth's Sports programme every Saturday morning.

* Adelaide's 5AA with hosts Ian Aitken and former cricketer great David Hookes gives extensive coverage to the world game very afternoon.

*** Former Canberra City star and current Canberra Croatia Youth coach Ivan Gruicic became a grandfather for the first time when daughter Nellie gave

birth to a baby girl, Renaye, last week.

Our congratulations!

The South Melbourne v Sydney Olympic Charity Cup season opener will be played in Melbourne on Wednesday, October 3.

Adelaide City will participate in this season's Southern Division of the NSL Youth League.

The AIS and two teams from Northern NSW will play in the Northern Division of the NSL Youth competition.



John Barnes — back at his brilliant best in the English league with Liverpool — and still England's most exciting player.

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

Korea brought back memories

IT was a trip down memory lane to return to South Korea for the recent Socceroo visit.

Apart from playing the Koreans in the final of the Friendship Cup in Vietnam in 1967, we visited South Korea on three occasions during my Socceroo days — 1969 for the World Cup elimination series against Korea, bronze medallists Japan; 1972 for a two-match series and in 1973 for the World Cup qualifiers against South Korea.

Like all trips down memory lane there were some disappointments.

Life in Seoul for visiting Soccer teams was more exciting in the old days.

Today, as South Korea emerges as one of the most affluent nations in Asia, the crowds are almost sporting.

Gone is the fanaticism, and atmosphere and excitement of an international contest.

On the field the Koreans haven't changed much either — fiercely competitive, highly skilled, disciplined but still terribly weak in front of goal, the traditional Asian weakness in world football.

Seoul itself, face-

lifted for the Olympics is almost unrecognisable from our days of the late sixties and early seventies.

Plush freeways replace the chaotic streets, the affluence of the country is reflected in first-class cars which is yet another change from the past when local cars — were all ready for the scrap heap.

One thing that has not changed one bit is the Dongdaemun Stadium.

Like many of our stadia, I doubt whether one thing has been done to it since our days.

The most startling change in the 1990s, however, is the well-being of the people.

Korea has emerged as one of the economic powers of the region.

From 1990 till 1995, the Korean economy will quadruple.

It will become a net creditor nation with a surplus of \$10 billion dollars and locals can expect their standard of living to double in the next four years.

As a measure of where Korea is going and where we are not, is that we were unable to change Australian travellers cheques or cash anywhere but the main banks.

Times have changed.



Aussie skipper John Warren exchanges pennants with his South Korean counterpart before the final of the 1967 Saigon tournament, won 3-2 by Australia.

Bordeaux may fold



Bordeaux's French international midfielder Jean-Marc Ferreri.

A violent power struggle has erupted at former French champions Bordeaux, whose financial problems could force it out of existence.

Outspoken club president Claude Bez tussled with camera crews and general manager Didier Couecou has been accused of attacking a journalist after a crisis board meeting last week.

The club's losses are mounting because of poor performances in recent seasons.

The club has slumped dramatically since winning three championships in four seasons up to 1987.

They finished 13th last year and are 14th this term.

The future of Bordeaux has turned into a political battle between the conservative RPR party who control the city and the opposition

socialists.

The local authority is the club's main financial backers.

Bez is supported by mayor Jacques Chaban Delmas, but has agreed to quit if the city socialist leader Francois-Xavier Bordeaux can produce a promised \$40 million to save the club.

The socialist leader, who claims the club cannot account for at least 20 million francs, has said that Bez must leave first.

Chaban-Delmas, former Prime Minister, admits the club is \$50 million in the red but claims all the money can be accounted for.

'The club is in a financial hole and the bottom is getting close. The important thing now is to organise its survival,' Chaban-Delmas said.

An earlier salvage plan involved the city council guaranteeing a \$45 million loan with a Swiss bank.

FINALS IN SENEGAL



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SENEGAL is to host the 1992 African Nations' Cup finals after Kenya said it could not afford the costs of staging the tournament.

David Nyambok, secretary of the Kenya Football Federation caretaker committee, told reporters: "After considering the financial implications, we decided not to go ahead with our bid to host the African Cup of Nations finals."

He said Senegal would take over.

Preliminary matches started in July and are expected to continue for a year.

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Writer has credentials

JERZY WRZOS, PH.D., has spent twenty years in professional soccer as a coach, senior lecturer, and specialist in physical education. In 1980 he was one of the first coaches in Europe who received a doctorate degree in Physical Education Sciences (Ph.D.), the subject of which was soccer. From 1962 until 1981, he worked as a professional soccer coach in Polish league clubs. For ten years, Mr Wrzos worked in co-operation with the Polish Soccer Union in schooling matters, and he took part in all schooling conferences that were concerned with the preparation of their national team for World Cups. Between 1974 and 1981, he also worked as a senior lecturer at the Academy of Physical Education, where he schooled soccer coaches from all over Poland. During the time that the author worked in the field of soccer, he also wrote many educational papers and three books for professional schooling, which were published in France by Institut National du Sport et de l'Education Physique in Paris, Poland, and Belgium. Mr Wrzos has now displayed his biggest achievement by writing *Soccer — the International Training Guide*.

WATCH FOR THE AUSTRALIAN RELEASE OF DR WRZOS' FORTHCOMING BOOK — Soccer, the International Training Guide, which will be published in New York in January next.

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Average age of players in World Cup Italy'90

THE participation of 24 teams in the 1990 World Cup provided a vast, representative quantity of statistical material.

The following diagram presents the average age in statistics as can be calculated from the official FIFA list of 22 players.



According to these statistics, United Arab Emirates and United States of America had the youngest, and England the oldest teams participating in the World Cup 1990.

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Average age in statistic of all teams having participated in the World Cup — Italy 1990.

Positions - formations	GOALKEEPERS	DEFENDERS	MIDFIELDERS	FORWARDS	TOTAL for the all 24 teams 1990 WORLD CUP in ITALY
24 Teams for the Final Competition of the 1990 WORLD CUP in Italy					
14 - Countries from the EUROPE	29,1	27,7	26,3	26,5	27,4
6 - Countries from the AMERICA	27,4	26,5	26,5	25,9	26,6
4 - Countries from "REST OF THE WORLD"	26,2	26,4	26,0	26,1	26,2
TOTAL for 24 Teams of 1990 FIFA WORLD CUP	27,6	27,2	26,3	26,2	27,0

ideal average age of a team, statistics reveal that the team's age is 27 years.

In the World Cup in Spain in 1982 the average was 26 years nine months.

The following diagrams present a comparison

This confirms that special leading position and functions are held by older players.

Specific qualities which are mainly relevant to age are expected from every player in his position or

goalkeepers is above that of field players

— special leading positions and functions are predominantly held by older, experienced players.

— Countries from

Average age in statistic of all 22 players, and 24 teams participated in the World Cup — Italy 1990.

	ARGENTINA	AUSTRIA	BELGIUM	BRAZIL	CAMEROON	COLOMBIA	COSTA RICA	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	EGYPT	ENGLAND	HOLLAND	ITALY	THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	ROMANIA	SCOTLAND	SOUTH KOREA	SPAIN	SWEDEN	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	URUGUAY	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	USSR	WEST GERMANY	YUGOSLAVIA
A -	33,5	29,0	28,3	27,6	27,3	23,5	27,6	27,6	26,3	33,0	31,0	29,0	32,0	28,5	28,3	26,7	29,2	28,3	24,6	29,5	23,0	28,6	28,0	27,3
B -	28,8	26,3	27,4	26,7	26,0	25,4	27,9	27,6	27,3	28,5	28,1	27,1	29,8	25,9	27,2	27,3	26,8	27,0	24,2	27,0	24,6	27,4	27,9	26,3

Average age : A - Goalkeepers; B - 22 players of the Team

which indicates the age difference within a team, depending on a player's position or function.

This age differential continues within the team's structure and goes from the goalkeeper, over defence and midfield players to the forwards.

function.

* From the goalkeeper: experience, maturity, control, positioning and reliability

* From the forward: dynamism, vigour, speed and reaction.

The following tendencies emerge:
— the average age of

Europe fielded the oldest players and teams from America, and the four teams (United Arab Emirates, South Korea, Egypt and Cameroon)

MARCONI TURNS IT ON!

MARCONI once again will be the team to beat in the 1990/91 NSL season.

But the story does not end there.

When it comes to social functions they are never left behind the door.

That was certainly the case with their Sponsors' Salute, held at the club last Wednesday.

Club president Tony Labbozzetta and football president Rene Nogarotto hosted the evening in style.

Mr Tony Brescia represented major sponsor Brescia Furniture, and the varied list of sponsors attended the evening.

Major prizes for last season went to an appreciative Socceroo midfielder Tom McCulloch and to young Jason Mammone.

McCulloch won from Bob Catlin, Ian Gray, David Lowe and Paul Okon.

Behind Mammone in the under 19 award polling were Mark Schwarzer, Jeff Suzor, Gabriel Mendez and Steve Surjan.

Marconi makes no bones about their connection with the Southern Districts Soccer Football Association, one of the biggest in Australia.

Whilst Berti Mariani is up front as NSL coach, the strength of their coaching and administrative staff is an object lesson to other clubs.

Klaus Okon is under 19 coach, with John Foulkes as his assistant, while Nick Sokoloff handles the goalkeepers and Spencer Thorpe is the physio.

In State League, the coaches are Paul Degney and Nelson Brizuela; Gerry van Duuren and Rudi Kotevski are the physios.

AWARDS DINNER

TICKETS for the NSW Soccer Federation Awards Dinner are available for purchase until next Monday, October 1.

The big night takes place at the Marconi Club, Marconi Road, Bossley Park on Wednesday, October 10, with cocktails from 7pm.

The club's magnificent auditorium is sure to be packed for the big event.

Players, officials and members of the public will be welcome.

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Craig Johnston's vital dream for young Aussies

BY WALTER PLESS

WHEN Craig Johnston first visited Tasmania in 1974 as a 14-year-old to take part in the national under-14 championships in Hobart, he had a dream.

Johnston dreamed of becoming a player in the English First Division.

It was Johnston's courage, determination and willingness to work harder than anyone else which saw him ultimately achieve that dream.

When Johnston arrived in Tasmania last week for his second visit to the State, this time to kick-off the national under-14 titles in Launceston, he had another dream.

Johnston's track record indicates this dream may also be fulfilled.

The former Liverpool star would like, at some stage in the future, to select the cream of Australian talent at under-16 or under-15 level and take the youngsters on a European tour.

"That's the dream," Johnston said. "I know, as a kid at heart myself, you've got to give kids something to aim for and, at the moment, Aussie kids have got very little to aim for."

"What I'd like to do is to take a team every year to Europe to play Liverpool, Manchester United, and Arsenal, Spurs and some Italian and Greek clubs, and to let them play against the best players in the world of 15 years of age."

"They'd play on the best grounds and in front of the best coaches and would, therefore, be exposed at an early age to the rewards that can be had from soccer."

"It's by no means actually happening yet. I've got to do the mechanics, but thanks to AMP, who have taken me around the country, I can at least identify if the talent is there at 14 or 15 years of age."

"I can now very confidently say the talent is there, and hopefully, I can take it to the next stage."

Johnston believes that Australia can become more than just a producer of good players for the world market, something which we are already doing.

"I think what we've got to do is to produce more players that can play overseas, something like a hundred of them, and then they'll all come back home,"



Sean Deschamps of Hornsby RSL pictured with Craig Johnston at one of the AMP soccer clinics held in Sydney. — The Advocate photo.

Johnston said.

"If you analyse the heart and soul of a good young player in this country, if he is really true to himself, he'll go overseas."

"It's not until there are one hundred or so of these blokes overseas that they'll all come back home and therefore attract First Division players from other countries to come to our country so that we can entertain the crowds, so that we can be professionals and train four or five hours a day like the Europeans do."

"I'm talking 10 to 15 years and not tomorrow, like a lot of people."

"They say Australian soccer is healthy and this and that, but there are so many other countries doing so much more in their soccer than what Australian does, so how can we expect to compete on the world level?"

"The results in Indonesia were encouraging although South Korea brought two losses. Eddie Thomson's doing the best with what's available."

"I'd like to think we can breed kids as good as kids anywhere in the world, but we've got to sort the whole system out, which is a long-term plan. It's nothing short-term."

"I think John Constantine was a very good appointment as Australian Soccer Federation chairman, and I think that he really wants to do something about it at long last."

Fright

Johnston was very disappointed with the recent World Cup tournament in Italy and he said that even kids had noticed the poor standards.

"I think all the criticism is justified. The backdrop was extraordinary. It was fantastic and that's why I went, but the football was disappointing in comparison," he said.

"I think the main reason was that people were frightened to lose."

"There was too much resting on it and there were no adventurous tactics."

"One of the only good points to come out of it was Cameroon's success, and they did it for the right reasons. They were like the Brazilians used to be."

"I mean, even the Brazilians were cynical in their approach and this team that we've come to love and respect over the years and years and years, even their coach said, 'What's the use of entertaining the world if you go home beaten?'"

"And, as a result, they didn't entertain the world and they still went home beaten."

"Maybe there's some justice in that, but, it was disappointing."

"I speak to kids, and kids aren't stupid. We, as adults, make the mistake of thinking that kids are stupid when they're not."

"Kids put their fingers on it all the time, that the referees were

given too much power, the players were frightened to make mistakes, there was too much acting and diving, and we were all left a bit low after the World Cup."

Johnston firmly believes that Diego Maradona is still the best player in the world at this moment.

"I know he took a lot of flak from the world, but I was in Italy for two months and I saw him train and I saw him play and he's still by far the best player in the world," Johnston said.

"He doesn't get any support and he gets kicked to death and he dives an awful lot, but Maradona is the best player in the world."

Reds confident

Asked about Liverpool's chances of retaining the English First Division title this year, Johnston said: "I spoke to the lads the other night and to Kenny Dalglish, in fact, and they're quietly confident."

"As usual, they never boast or sprout as other teams inevitably do when they start well, but Liverpool are usually bad starters, so if they start well this year, hopefully, it'll be all over by Christmas."

Johnston summed up the secret of Liverpool's success as the attitude of the players and the adherence to some of the late Bill Shankly's philosophies.

He said that Liverpool did not have the best players, but the players they did have had the best attitude.

When it came to training, Shankly's policy of all players wearing tee-shirts, shorts and socks, regardless of the weather, was still rigidly enforced.

Whereas some clubs had their players kitted out in tracksuits when the weather was bitterly cold and there was even snow around, Liverpool's policy was to train as they played.

"In a nutshell, it's the attitude of the players," Johnston said.

"They're all self-motivated and they all know the game's about more than just them as individuals."

"They're part of something special, very special, and they'd never let the standards of the club, and therefore themselves, down."



GLENN HODDLE

Can Australia produce a world class midfielder?

BY PETER BERRY

THE midfield is the engine room in a football team and like an engine it must have all pistons operating smoothly and in conjunction.

Ideally, it should contain a player that has the ability to increase or decrease the tempo of the game at the appropriate time.

During their great periods, the Liverpools, Real Madrids and Milans all had a dominant playmaker that could change the pace of the game.

When it comes down to controlling the rhythm of a match the Italians and South Americans are the experts.

In Australian football too many players run around constantly at 100kms an hour like chickens without a head.

How many times do we see players wasting precious energy chasing balls destined to run out of play, when only a little judgment regarding the ball's speed is required.

Soccer's smart players use their physical resources intelligently.

Watch Zlatko Nasteovski, of Marconi, a great decision-maker on the field.

He knows when to run into space, dribble, pass and where to position himself.

Basically his timing is near perfection.

Australia needs more players with their brain connected to their feet in the mode of Nasteovski and Washington Gonzalez of Melita.

Midfielders come in many types:



ZLATKO NASTEVSKI

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Can Australia produce a complete midfielder — a true world class playmaker that can dominate an entire match?

Before we begin to

dise their position in the team.

This fear has produced midfielders that are generally hard and mentally rigid, the attitude being "let's pass the ball to someone else and the responsibility shifts".

Skill is of paramount importance to soccer and it must be developed and encouraged by Australian coaches.

Players must express themselves, so let's get the words vision and imagination back into our soccer dictionaries.

Then we may produce an exciting world class midfielder.

AIS wins in Hong Kong



The Australian Institute of Sport opened its Far Eastern tour with a 2-1 win over the Hong Kong under-16s.

Coach Ron Smith said the AIS boys, many playing together for the first time, suffered in the hot, humid conditions and took a full half to adapt their play.

Hong Kong led 1-0 at half time but the institute hit back in the 49th minute when Kutlesovski intercepted a poor back pass.

Kevin Muscat laid on the second, again scored by Kutlesovski, in the 83rd minute.

Chit Chat ... Chit Chat ... Chit Chat



Beautiful 17-year-old, Monica Corso, representing the Uruguayan community, was crowned, last Saturday Miss Sydney Ethnic Soccer World Cup 1990.

APIA stalwart Fil Bottalico has been appointed the club's marketing and promotions manager. Apia will hold a meeting for members and supporters at the Apia Club tomorrow (Tuesday) at 7.30pm where they can meet the players and discuss plans for the upcoming season.

Alex Bundalo has agreed to terms for a further 12 months with Apia Leichhardt. He will team up with new boy Gerry Gomez in what will be a powerful midfield.

Brett Hughes will be Apia Leichhardt's first choice goalkeeper this season after the departure of Tony Pezzano to Adelaide. Apia supremo Manfred Schaefer has every confidence in the former Youth

Socceroo though he attempted to sign Tony Franken before he settled his differences with Sydney Croatia.

Chris Kalantzis scored the equaliser for Panathinaikos in the Greek season opener. The champions could only manage a 1-1 draw at newly promoted Ionikos. Kalantzis, who came in as a substitute, netted in the 68th minute and was rated the best player for his side. Fellow-Socceroo Jim Patikas' AEK got off to a bad league start when beaten 1-0 at OFI on the island of Crete.

Youngster Derek Poimer, a product of Sydney's Ku-ring-gai district is a striker with real talent. He has been picked up by Apia

coach Manfred Schaefer as a player with a future.

The NSW Soccer Federation has not recognised the NSW Ethnic Cup as a NSW competition. It believes that it has no real control over the series and that approaches have been made to NSW club contract players to turn out with outside teams. If clubs do not use their normal recognised club names they will not be admitted to NSW Federation competitions in 1991.

Sydney Croatia supporters are invited to the annual meeting, to be held at the King Tomislav Club Eden-sor Park on Sunday September 30, commencing at 10am. The 1990/91 season committee is to be elected.



MANFRED SCHAEFER

Apia coach Manfred Schaefer released Graham Jennings, Darren Stewart and Peter Murray for a promotional trip last Saturday to the mid North Coast Association's grand final at the Fairmonth gardens ground at Wauchope. Midco covers that Port Macquarie area. The

players received a big welcome from the country youngsters when they made the junior presentations.

Reports indicate that Gary Phillips, of long time Sydney Olympic fame, has turned out for the Marini club in Hong Kong. On top of that — and not surprisingly — he had an outstanding game.

Also playing in Hong Kong is Manuel Mavridis, a midfielder from Wollongong, who had experience with the Wolves. He has recently been turning out for Balgownie in the Illawarra district competition.

Soccer circles in Brisbane have reacted with wonderment that the Wollongong area has two National League teams. In fact disbelief is closer the mark. The mood may well be the same in Newcastle and Can-

could be monumental. Surely it emphasises the absolute need for the appointment of a combined ASF-NSL promotion's manager. More sponsors must be obtained and all accounts fully serviced.

Adelaide City defender Milan Ivanovich has started the new season in style — by becoming a dad. Wife Evana has given birth to a beautiful daughter Anita.

St George full-back David Green is now in the red and white of Wollongong City, following the completion of his transfer.

The \$12,500 Marconi paid for 20 year old former Melbourne Croatia star John Markovski was as per the maximum fee set out in his contract. It set the scene for an excellent salary and incentive package with the NSL trail blazers, Marconi for the talented player.

Ernie Tapai's cat and mouse game with Sunshine George Cross, continues with the club maintaining that it is not prepared to release him despite interest from South Melbourne Hellas, Adelaide City, Sydney Croatia and Sydney Olympic.

The NSL allows no room for further play-offs, if points are equal in the qualification games, under present rules. Should clubs be equal on points, the decision goes to goal difference, then the highest scoring club and to the actual results when the two equal teams met each other.

The NSL needs to ensure that clubs accepted into the Youth League South meet the necessary criteria when it comes to the quality of their football. No less than 21 clubs applied for admission to the 1990/91 competition. In the North, the NSW Federation is believed to have decided that its clubs could not enter.

New Melbourne Croatia coach Ante Grgic is only due in Australia on October 3 — three days before the start of the NSL season.

Oscar Crino has left hospital after undergoing minor surgery on his right knee. He will be sidelined for at least a month. Crino is involved in a dispute with Preston over terms for the coming season but says he is still eager to play for them.

Apia is holding its Annual Soccer Gala Dinner at the club next



OSCAR CRINO

Sunday night at 7pm. President Renato Orsafti is expecting over 700 patrons to grace the huge auditorium for the glamour event.

ASW's expert coverage of Australian soccer brings correspondence from time to time from countries in other continents. The latest letters came from Nigeria for the first time.

Sunshine George Cross could be set to make a move for Croydon City's 20 goal State League striker Andy Humble.

Brunswick Juventus' former NSL front man Steve Smith might also come under consideration from the Skinner Reserve outfit.

Meanwhile Smith's Juve team mate, Sean Lane, has indicated that he is keen for an NSL return following two years in the Victorian State League wilderness.

Heidelberg coach Len McKendry is looking at the possibility of signing Caulfield City's relative newcomer Gary Bratten.

Heidelberg has also promised to take a look at Mooroolbark's Irish import Dave McCallum.

1989/90 Southern Division youth player of the Year Saso Becvinovski, looks destined to miss a chance with an NSL club this summer despite another outstanding season in the Victorian State League with Melbourne JUST.

Sunshine George Cross' livewire young striker Gary Hasler, has taken up the opportunity to have a two week trial with English first division Leeds United.



ALAN DAVIDSON

Alan Davidson has recovered from a fractured ankle and will be ready for Melbourne Croatia's opening round NSL fixture.

There is a whisper going around that Marconi's powerhouse midfielder Ian Gray is giving some thought to going to Europe to test his strength and talents there.

ASW received a card from prominent St George development coach Richard Alagich, who was in Split very recently. He should now be winding his way through Italy, France and Germany. In Zagreb he collected some up to date ideas on football from his room mate of student days, now Professor Jerkovic.

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Queensland's own beer

Lions all but bested Heidelberg in playoff

FROM PAT McERLEAN

BRISBANE Lions are out of contention for inclusion into the 1990 NSL competition following last Wednesday 2-2 draw with Heidelberg at Perry Park.

They proved beyond doubt during the play-off series that a Brisbane side would be competitive in the Summer Competition, and would bring with them a breath of fresh air to the current Victorian and New South Wales dominated competition.

Going into the night match against Heidelberg United, Brisbane Lions had everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Both teams made a tentative start obviously not aware of each



Heidelberg's Stuart Stevenson

other's strengths or weaknesses.

The half time score read 0-0.

Brisbane Lions coach Frank Liddell must have spelt out

two words in the dressing shed at half-time; ATTACK — GOALS.

Because the mood changed after the resumption, Brisbane Lions started to unwind their attacking game.

The Brisbane club's elation turned to devastation when they let a 2-0 lead slip in the final five minutes.

Lions threatened several times in the first half but it was not until replacement striker Brandan Eastwell went on that they scored.

The nuggety Eastwell made good ground down the left flank before crossing to Stewart McLeod at the near post.

McLeod side-kicked his volley that was too good for former Socceroo keeper Jeff Olver.

McLeod earned his starting spot a fortnight ago when he scored against other NSL contenders West Adelaide Hellas. He kept his goal-a-match record intact last Sunday when Lions beat North Star 4-1 in the XXXX League major semi-final.

Nick Meredith gave Lions what seemed an unassailable lead soon after.

The midfielder ran on to a lucky rebound off referee Jim Reeves and burst down the middle.

Olver made a charge off his line but Meredith planted the ball underneath him.

A minute later Heidelberg defender Garry McDowall pounced on a corner kick.

His right-foot volley was too strong for Lions keeper Kevin Tatton.

The 17-year-old was again the shining light for Lions.

Tatton made several match saving efforts and was unlucky not to keep out Heidelberg's last shot.

Heidelberg midfielder Stuart Stevenson was on the spot to mop up after Paul Lewis had his powerful shot parried by Tatton.

"Two lapses in concentration is all it took," said disappointed Lions coach Frank Liddell.

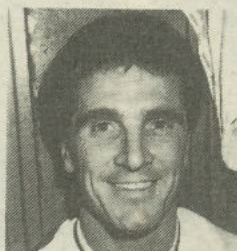
"The boys put in a great effort. It's just a pity a draw ends it for us.

"We'll go to Melbourne on Sunday and beat them. They're a shocking side. Forget NSL for them."

Heidelberg coach Len McKendry is supremely confident of winning the return match.

His side has done a lot of travelling over the past few days so Wednesday's effort was probably better than expected.

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (S. McLeod, N.



FRANK LIDDELL

Meredith). HEIDELBERG 2 (G. McDowall, S. Stevenson).

The final ten minutes of play should be bottled as an example of what attacking football is all about.

Football that will certainly bring the crowds back to soccer in Australia.

It was nice to hear that the Heidelberg officials could not believe the controlled spectator environment they found at Perry Park, Brisbane.

Congratulations to both teams on an excellent display of quality football.

— Thanks to Gary Legg for match comments.

Brisbane Lions set for Grand Final appearance

BY PAT McERLEAN



BRISBANE Lions played their way into yet another Grand Final at Perry Park last Sunday with a comprehensive victory over North Star, final result being 4-1.

The Lions had a difficult end to their Premiership season but hung on to be undisputed Premiers for 1990.



If the XXXX League season had been another six weeks

longer Brisbane Lions may have been in trouble.

They obviously relished the playoff matches against West Adelaide to clear some of the cob webs, because they certainly fired up against North Star, putting their stamp on the match from the first whistle.



The Brisbane XXXX League Grand Final will be played at Perry Park next Sunday 30th September 1990.

Their opponents will come from Brisbane City or North Star who meet in the Final.

The Grand Final will end a very competitive season for soccer in Brisbane.

Lions roar through Mackay grand finals

FROM BILL YOUNG

LIONS came out the big winners in the Mackay Soccer finals winning three out of the four grades.

The Powers Premier League game was entertaining and was played before a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Lions won the game 3-1 over the Magpies, but had to come from behind to claim the honours.

Magpies began well and scored after 23 minutes through left winger Terry Wotherpoon.

Lions defence was caught square by a through pass and Wotherpoon beat the Lions goalkeeper John Delsimone to the ball and slotted it into the net.

The turning point in the game came 20 minutes into the second half when referee Martin Hislop sent Magpies winger, Clark Cocup, off for a second cardable offence.

From then on the game was all Lions.

Defender Frank Perna headed in a corner in the 25th minute for Lions first, midfielder Peter Bogert hit a sweet 25 metre swerving shot in the 37th minute for Lions second, and midfielder Shaun Callaway netted Lions third a minute

before full time to give his side victory.

Lions midfielder Peter Bogert was named the Powers' Player of the game.

Other players to excel were Lions defender Colin Mietzel, midfielders Shaun Callaway and Mark Durelli and striker Andrew Burston.

For Magpies striker Ian Bertling was terrific and winger Terry Wotherpoon and defender Alan McKerihan impressed.

Lions player/coach Brett Long was happy with the whole team's effort.

He recognised that Magpies did it hard to play with ten men but still felt his side was fitter.

Magpies player/coach Alan McKerihan was upset with the send off and felt the second Lions goal was scored with an attacker seemingly offside.

POINTS PREMIER LEAGUE: Lions-3 (Frank Perna) Magpies-1 (Wotherpoon, Bogert, Callaway). Powers Player of the game: Lions midfielder Peter Bogert.

PREMIER RESERVES: Lions-3 (Phillip Cochran) (Kevin Gardner) (Gary Lamont). Magpies-1 (Jason Wells) Powers player of the game: Lions defender John McGill.

SECOND DIVISION: Wanderers-2 (Damien Andersen) (Mark Van Mollenbroek). Lions-1 (Rennie Gurelli). Powers player of the game: Wanderers striker Damien Andersen.

COLTS: Lions-1 (Peter Neyland) Sarina-0. Powers player of the game: Lions goalkeeper Phillip Cochran.

Success for the Burdekin boys



BACK ROW: Marcus Michiellin, Dennis Lawson, Duane Bosel, Stephen Stanbrook. MIDDLE: Bill Lawson (coach), Kelvin Lampton, Travis James, Patrick Newman, John Licciardello, Mrs Enna Marano (manageress) and Leon Thomas. FRONT: Greg Sexton, Sam Marano, Troy McGrath, Clinton Elton and Craig Wilkie.

FRANK Farina's early football was played in the Cairns district, and there are many more talented youngsters coming through the North Queensland ranks.

Today's photograph shows the under 13 representative squad from the Burdekin Association from the centres of Ayr and Home Hill.

To get the geography

straight, if you are driving way up North Queensland and arrive at Ayr, you still have another hour to go before reaching Townsville.

The records of some members of the Burdekin squad are:

Duane Bosel is a member of the Queensland U/13 years team to contest the National Championships at Dar-

win at the end of the month.

Steven Stanbrook was a member of the Queensland U/13 years training squad.

Patrick Newman and Dennis Lawson are both shadow players for the Queensland U/13 team.

Travis James is a younger brother of Tim James, who was recently named as a member of Australian Secondary

Schools team in Melbourne.

The Burdekin team's 1989/90 successes have been:

1989 The (QUAGLIOTTO) Invitation Carnival at Ingham for U12s and the North Queensland Zone Championships in 1989.

1990 The (BESSELL) Invitation Carnival at Ayr for U13s this year.

Warren, Thomson involved in SA Awards

BY ALAN CLARK

The Player of the Year Awards are on in earnest in Adelaide. The successor to Hellas' Alby Kidd will be named on Friday, October 5 in a gala-black tie evening at the Hyatt Regency Adelaide. There will be no TV coverage of the event but two videos will be featured. One will give general coverage of SA soccer in 1990 with the other concentrating on likely winners. Three playing representatives from each club will receive invitations. Soccer media guru Johnny Warren will be guest MC for the award, which will be designed by a local artist.

SOCCEEROO coach Eddie Thomson is a likely guest at the Foundation SA Player of the Year awards. He will be in Adelaide that day at Alby Kidd's



JOHNNY WARREN

Soccer Clinics. He will coach for the day and then present impressive awards at Prince Alfred College.



EDDIE THOMSON.

ADELAIDE City is another club trying to attract Soccerroo mid-



ALBY KIDD — winner of last season's prestigious SA players' prize.

State League club Salisbury, said only a preliminary squad had been named. "We have named a large squad just now but it will be pruned when we know just who is available for the trip," he said. The initial squad is: Adelaide Hellas: Tsoleridis, Hiern, Rankin, Kidd, Blair; Azzurri: Silvestri, Cole, Gray, Giannitto, Piotrowski; Cumberland: McCormack, Adel C: White, Flounders, Grasso; Modbury: T. Kent, D. Edwards; Salisbury: Gasparetto; Croatia: Putanec, Slager, Jurkovic, Blazincic, Witwicki, Polonia: Christopoulos, Lonka; Birkalla: Briscoe, T. Mullen, Williams.

fielder Ernie Tapai for this season from Sunshine George Cross. Tapai, a standout player for the 'Roos overseas, has indicated he wants a transfer to Adelaide City among his playing priorities. But Sunshine will not have a bar of the move as Tapai still has a year of his contract to run with Sunshine. "We have spoken to Tapai and he was keen to move out of Melbourne," said City coach Zoran Matic. "But now it is up to the player and his club to settle the matter. Obviously, we would be keen to get him. We are keen to attract any player of quality." City, meanwhile, will step up its bid to tempt young Hungarian defender Robert Csoboth from First Division side Pecs.

Irene Toner made history at Adelaide City's annual meeting by becoming the first woman on the club board. Charlie Caruso is back as president. Irene's brother and City secretary Joe De Pinto said the annual meeting had been "very positive."



GEORGE KONSTANDOPOULOS

CROATIA striker George Konstandopoulos had surgery on his injured ankle. He is to be sidelined for two months. Croatia fielded no fewer than seven teenagers in a trial against Adelaide City which raised around \$1000 for the world famous local Cranio-facial unit. Cumberland import Kevin McCormack had an outing at sweeper and officials were impressed with midfielder-striker Dryan Kekez. Colin Miller seems keen to try his luck in the NSL again. He is to train with Melbourne Croatia.

THE SA State select squad to play its Victorian counterpart in Mildura on October 13, had its first training session on Wednesday at Birkalla's Camden Oval. Coach Bob Wincer put the SA hopefuls through their paces. Team manager Jack Innes, also from

FORMER Port Adelaide coach Ivan Zafran is back in SA after spending six months overseas. Zafran already has had contact with several local club presidents but at present is concentrating on establishing his new acupuncture clinic for the treatment of sports injuries. His clinic is at 109 Findon Road, Woodville South and Zafran can be contacted on 45 8774.

WHO are the best playing British soccer club supporters in SA? We'll all find out on Sunday, October 28 at Tubemakers Oval, Kilburn. That's when Manchester City fans here will defend the crown they won last year against teams from Chelsea, Liverpool, Rangers, Celtic, the Midlands, Spurs, Manchester United and Leeds. Interested in playing? Contact Mick Phillips on 250 3761 or J. Robinson 250 1388. There will be a barbecue and refreshments and free entertainment for the kids.

Sadness in Queanbeyan

THE end of its season was greeted with a collective sigh of relief at the Marco Polo Ground, where Inter Monaro went through a season it will want to forget.

Falling gates, a chronic cash shortage, one match forfeited and a take-over bid staved off, coupled with constant rumours about the club's future, drained the energy of players and officials alike.

But at least it has one good moment to look back on — the 7-2 win over top-four contender St George with Baz Giampaolo scoring four goals, right? Wrong.

The goals and points

were taken away from Monaro and the result turned into a 3-0 forfeit because the Queanbeyan outfit played two men, Luche Djordjieski and Tilly Carbone, who should have been serving a one-match suspension for yellow card offences.

Monaro's contention the two had served the ban because a match against Polonia the day before had been forfeited 3-0 when Monaro could not raise a side, has not been accepted by the NSW Soccer Federation.

Federation general manager Ian Holmes said Monaro had made no attempt to disguise the fact it had played Djordjieski and Carbone.

"They have asked to make a submission and I will study it, but for the moment the result stays as a forfeit," he said.

— GRAHAM COOKE

ACT briefs

* The University of Canberra will be staging its annual seven-a-side tournament next Saturday, September 29.

Seen by players and officials alike as a chance to relax after a hard season, the competition nevertheless has a reputation for producing quality football.

Organiser Paul Davison said the day, at the university's ovals, was being sponsored by the Private Bin night club.

"There will be 24 men's teams initially, with the top eight playing off for the Private Bin Cup and the next eight for the Shield," he said.

There will also be a women's division which will take the form of a round robin.



Adelaide City takes shape

COMPETITION for places in Adelaide City's opening NSL team is razor sharp.

And several players face the cut from team plans in the next few weeks though they will continue training with the squad.

"We had 27 involved in trial games against Croatia and really we shall have to cut that soon to 16, to work on our team pattern," said coach Zoran Matic.

"Then we shall have to cut it again to the team that lines up for the first game at least.

"But that may not be the side we go in with all the time. There is real competition this year for spots.

"All players realise that. Nobody can relax. Certain people had to be pushed before. That is not the case now."

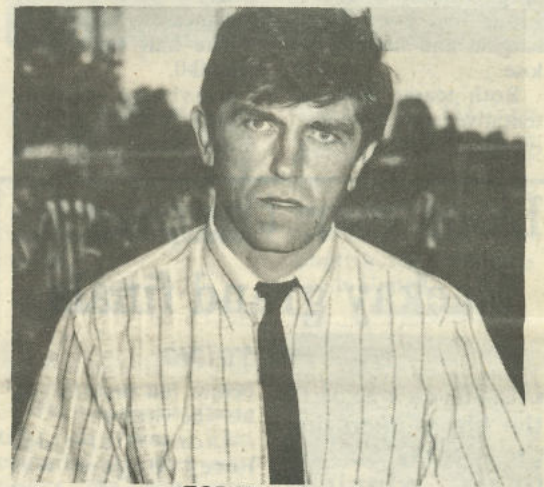
City has 10 or 15 'new' players battling with last season's recognised top squad for starting honours.

Several are developing City starlets. But former AIS boy Simon Romaniuk, Polonia striker John Christopoulos, Lion goalkeeper Archie Christakos and former City man Paul Wilde, from Salisbury are among the 'hopefuls'.

"There definitely is pressure on for places," said Matic. "Several of the young players last year were too young, too inexperienced and not strong enough.

"But now they are stronger, know more and want more.

"You never know just who is going to make it. There are some, I feel, now have more chance than others but the others could surprise me."



ZORAN MATIC

TEENAGE Adelaide City goalkeeper Edward Scalzi is to leave this month for trials in Italy. City's under-15 custodian will go to Lazio, Napoli and Avellino. He has been receiving specialist coaching for six weeks from former State goalkeeper Robbie Parks.

ADELAIDE referee Jim Rossis has retired from the NSL. Rossis, who will be 48 in January, has decided to call it a day to give younger SA refs a chance of NSL experience. "I have decided there was no point in continuing in the game at that level," said Rossis, one of the real gentlemen in the game. "I have achieved all I was going to. In 1977, I was the first Class 2 ref to be appointed on the NSL linesmen's panel and that was a great honor. I have been a NSL ref continuously since 1981.

I twice received the honor of nomination for the FIFA badge though unfortunately I was not successful. After Donald Campbell's long and successful career when he represented SA with such distinction and held the FIFA badge for so long I felt it could be a long time before another SA official could get the FIFA honor. By retiring now I could give a younger ref

a chance to get on the NSL panel and gain the necessary experience to try to get a FIFA badge for SA. We deserve one. I'll probably see out two years in the State League and leave the NSL with many happy memories. Everyone has his good days and bad days but I feel my bad ones were far apart. I have many happy memories from the good ones."

NOMINATIONS for coaching jobs with Port Adelaide Soccer Club close on October 14. The new committee, for which nominations close on October 5, will select coaching staff. The election of chairman, secretary and treasurer will be made at the annual general meeting on October 14. October 12 is the day for the club's presentations. Colts presentations is the following day.

FORMER Adelaide Hellas firebrand striker Billy Wright is returning to SA to live. The bustling marksman has not settled back in Victoria with Morwell Falcons after his spell with Hellas and is due back in SA next weekend. A former Kiwi international, Wright will be on the lookout for a club.

— ALAN CLARK

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Puskas — the football immortal

BY MIKE JOHNSON

IT is good to see Ferenc Puskas with us for another season.

He is among the best players who have ever played the game of soccer.

In any top 10 rating of the world's best ever players he is always there.

He probably rates in the top five of all time.

When we consider the masses of players who have played the game worldwide since say 1950, when the modern game began to form, he truly is a 'superstar' in our midst.

Appendages such as 'superstar' are too readily given today and I am not keen on them, yet superstar status fits so readily around the Puskas shoulders.

Whichever he walks on this planet he will remain a superstar to me, as I saw him in his years of greatness.

Few human beings have had better coordination of brain and body, few soccer players have had his sharpness of mind.

No soccer player had the accuracy of his left foot.

He was the best player in the best team that has ever played the game — the Hungarian national team of his era.



Ferenc Puskas, in his younger days playing for Hungary, exchanges pre-match pleasantries with England skipper Billy Wright.

Regal

The all white Real strip suited those two great players.

Di Stefano, perpetual motion, involved in everything with an arrogance that has become a trait of some Argentinian players.

Puskas regal, precise in his movements: precise in crossing, precise yet powerful in his shooting, neat in his heading, neat even in his dribbling.

The long sleeved white Puskas shirt was buttoned high to the neck and an inclination to portliness belied the fitness of the man.

Statisticians at Wembley for the his-

If anything is likely to diminish a great player's status in the eyes of the public it is if he turns to coaching.

As a player Puskas was always a King.

As a coach like all of us he can be a king one week and a dumbo the next, depending on the result.

Puskas mainly plied his coaching skills in Greece where he took Panathinaikos to the European Cup Champions final.

Now in Australia he pilots the fortunes of the formerly high flying South Melbourne Hellas which has floundered and wobbled about seemingly on one engine in recent years.

Coolness

Puskas' style as a coach seems similar to his style as a player — cool and collected.

One assumes he may also be that way as a person.

His laid back coaching style did not always seem to please the Melbourne Hellas' Greek supporters last season.

On the other hand the fluid, attacking style did.

Greeks seem to want results more badly than most.

They prefer to get results with flair and swash-buckling attacking play.

This is the Tommy Docherty style, which went down well in England with Manchester United fans several years ago.

It did again when he came out to Australia to join Sydney Olympic.

However, when the panache and flamboyance failed to produce results at Olympic Tom eventually was on his way.

So how will it be for Ferenc Puskas at the start of one more season of National League soccer in Australia?

Puskas, to a large degree as a coach, is very dependent on his

players.

As a player it was not so.

I do not know him, never met him.

However, when I see his portly frame on ABC or SBS television, still with hair, the neat part just off centre going straight back, I am aware we have a great soccer man in our midst.

He conducts himself with dignity, which befits his magnificent status in soccer.

I sure would love to see him win something, but no matter, his presence here in Australia is a gift, a jewel whose lustre brings an added shine to our game.

Awaritefe a Socceroo?

FRANCIS Awaritefe wants to play for Australia.

But before he can represent his adopted country, the Melbourne Croatia striker must overcome some hurdles.

The first is that Awaritefe, 26, must become an Australian citizen to be eligible to play in the World Cup qualifiers.

As a permanent resident he can participate in "friendly" international matches only.

Second, and more importantly, he must earn his selection by being more consistent in the National Soccer League.

In his first NSL season, Awaritefe scored 10 goals but last season's first summer of soccer was a huge disappointment. Injury and poor form reduced his scoring to just eight goals.

Awaritefe has been working hard during pre-season practice on improving his finishing.

He hopes to get into double figures in the NSL scoring chart again this season... who knows, that could lead to recognition from Eddie Thomson.

— courtesy DOUG BOOTH, "Sunday Herald".

Upsets in Europe

BY LOU GAUTIER

THERE were a few stunning upsets in the three European Cup competitions that kicked off last week.

In the Champions' Cup, Red Star were

beaten 1-0 at Kaiserslautern and Barcelona lost by the same score at Trabzonspor, Turkey.

Eddie Krncevic's FC Liege won 2-0 in Norway against Viking

Frankfurt's 5-0 rout at Brondby, Denmark.

In an ironic twist to the hooliganism that kept English clubs out of Europe for five years, the violence was hundreds of kilometres away from Britain last week.

Some 500 Croatian rowdies hurled rocks and clashed with riot police prior to the UEFA Cup game between Dinamo Zagreb and Atalanta in Bergamo (a 0-0 draw).

And police also tangled with fans of Inter Milan in Vienna's Hanappi Stadium where Italian supporters began throwing bottles and ripping out seats in 10 minutes of violence after their team's defeat.

All return matches will be played on October 2, 3 and 4.

Last week's results:

1st round, 1st leg matches

EUROPEAN CUP
Dinamo Bucharest (Rom) 4 St Patrick's Athletic (Ire) 0 (halftime 3-0). Sparta Prague (Czech) 0 Spartak Moscow (USSR) 2 (0-1). Red Star Belgrade (Yugos) 1 Grasshopper Zurich (Switz) 1 (1-1). Lillestrom (Nor) 1 Club Brugge (Belg) 1 (0-1). Porto (Port) 5 Portadown (Northern Ireland) 0 (3-0). Apoll Nicosia (Cyprus) 2 Bayern Munich (W Germ) 3 (1-0). US Luxembourg (Luxembour) 1 Dynamo Dresden (E Germ) 3 (1-0). Malmö (Swe) 3 Besiktas Istanbul (Turkey) 2 (1-0). Swarovski Tirol (Austria) 5 Kuusysi Lahti (Fin) 0 (3-0). Lech (Pol) 3 Panathinaikos (Greece) 0 (2-0). Marseille (Fra) 5 Dinamo Tirana (Albania) 1 (1-0). Napoli (Italy) 3 Ujpest Dózsa (Hung) 0 (2-0). Akureyri (Iceland) 1 CEKA Sredez Sofia (Bulg) 0 (1-0). Valletta (Malta) 0 Glasgow Rangers (Scot) 4 (0-1).

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Trabzonspor (Turkey) 1 Barcelona (Spain) 0 (0-0). Sliven (Bulg) 0 Juventus (Italy) 2 (0-1). Kuopio Palloseura (Fin) 2 Dynamo Kiev (USSR) 2 (1-1). Salamina Famagusta (Cyprus) 0 Aberdeen (Scot) 2 (0-0). Olympiakos (Greece) 3 Flamurtari Vlorë (Albania) 1 (2-0). Schwerin (E Germ) 0 Austria Vienna (Austria) 2 (0-2). Viking Stavanger (Nor) 0 Liege (Belg) 2 (0-1). Kaiserslautern (W Germ) 1 Sampdoria (Italy) 0 (0-0). Fram Reykjavik (Iceland) 3 Djurgarden (Swe) 0 (0-0). Wrexham (Wales) 0 Lyngby (Den) 0. Glentoran (Northern Ireland) 1 Steaua Bucharest (Rom) 1 (0-0). Manchester United (Eng) 2 Peci Munkas (Hung) 0 (2-0). Legia Warsaw (Pol) 3 Swift Hesperange (Luxembourg) 0 (0-0). Estrela da Amadora (Port) 1 Neuchatel Xamax (Switz) 1 (1-0).

UEFA Cup

Politehnica Timisoara (Rom) 2 Atletico Madrid (Spain) 0 (1-0). MTK Budapest (Hung) 1 Lucerne (Switz) 1 (1-1). Chernomoretz Odessa (USSR) 3 Rosenborg BK (Nor) 1 (1-0). Hibernians (Malta) 0 Partizan Belgrade (Yugos) 3 (0-1). Odesa (USSR) 1 (0-1). BSC Young Boys (Switz) 2 Bayer Leverkusen (W Germ) 1. Bayer Enschede (Neth) 0 (1-0). Magdeburg (E Germ) 0 Rovaniemi Palloseura (Fin) 0. Torpedo Moscow (USSR) 4 GAIS Gothenburg (Swe) 0. Atalanta (Italy) 0 Dinamo Zagreb (Yugos) 0. Iraklis Salonika (Greece) 0 Valencia (Spain) 0. Vejle BK (Den) 0. Admira Wacker (Austria) 1 (0-0). Partizan Tirana (Albania) 0. Universitatea Craiova (Rom) 1 (0-0). Brondby (Den) 5 Eintracht Frankfurt (W Germ) 0 (1-0). IFK Norrköping (Swe) 0. Cologne (W Germ) 0. Slavia Sofia (Bulg) 2. Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) 1 (1-0). Rapid Vienna (Austria) 2 Internazionale Milan (Italy) 1 (0-1). Fenerbahce Istanbul (Turkey) 3 Vitoria Guimaraes (Port) 0 (2-0). Anderlecht (Belg) 2 Petrolul Ploiesti (Rom) 0 (0-0). Lausanne (Switz) 3 Real Sociedad (Spain) 2 (0-2). Aston Villa (Eng) 3 Banik Ostrava (Czech) 1 (1-1). Derry City (Ire) 0 Vitesse Arnhem (Neth) 1 (0-1). AS Roma (Italy) 1 Benfica (Port) 0 (1-0). Sevilla (Spain) 0. PAOK Salonika (Greece) 0. GKS Katowice (Pol) 3 Turun Palloseura (Fin) 0 (1-0). Zagłębie Lubin (Pol) 0 Bologna (Italy) 1 (0-0).

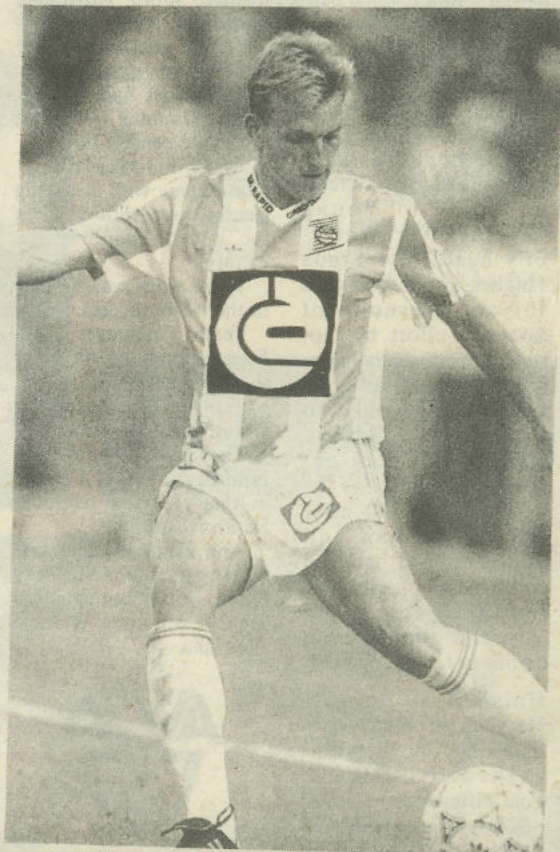
UEFA CUP: Glenavon 0 Bordeaux 0, Antwerp 0 Ferencvaros 0, Avenir Beggen 2 Inter Bratislava 1, Borussia Dortmund 2 Chemnitz 0, Havnarjardur 1 Dundee United 3, Roda 1 Monaco 3, Sporting 1 Mechelen 0.

CHAMPIONS' CUP:

Odense 1 Real Madrid 4.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP:

Montpellier 1 PSV 0, Slavia Wanderers 1 Dukla Prague 2.



Rapid Vienna's Australian international midfielder Andreas Herzog. His side upset Inter Milan 2-1 in the UEFA Cup last week but the Italians should qualify for the next round.

held to a draw in Belgrade by Switzerland's Grasshopper Zurich and Sparta Prague lost 2-0, also at home, to USSR champions Spartak Moscow.

Frank Farina's Club Brugge drew 1-1 in Norway with Lillestrom, but Chris Kalantzis' Panathinaikos were thrashed 3-0 in Poland by Lech Poznan.

Diego Maradona scored two goals in Napoli's home win against Ujpest of Hungary while fancied clubs Marseille and Porto won big, unlike Bayern Munich who needed two late goals to down Apoel in Nicosia, Cyprus.

In the Cup-Winners' Cup, holders Samp-

Stavanger and PSV Eindhoven were lucky to escape only with a one-goal defeat at Montpellier.

The only Aussie who scored in European Cup competition last week was Graham Arnold, but his goal came in Roda's 3-1 defeat in the UEFA Cup at home in Kerkrade to Monaco.

Also in the UEFA Cup, Joe Venglos' Aston Villa downed Banik Ostrava at Villa Park to cap a successful return to Europe by English clubs.

The big shocks in the UEFA Cup were Inter Milan's 2-1 defeat in Vienna by Rapid and Eintracht

Sydney offices vandalised

THIEVES last week made a complete mess of the Fredrick Street offices occupied by the Australian Soccer Federation and National Soccer League.

They broke in through a fire escape. There could well have been some motivation behind the break-in.

The computer system was vandalised and international transfer records destroyed. It will be back to hard copy to restore vital information.

Paint was splashed around the offices. The thieves want to either play the game or offload some cheap supplies.

Stolen were footballs, boots, shorts, t-shirts and track suits and other equipment as well as chairs. NSL general manager Peter Russell, formerly a detective sergeant in the NSW Police, could be piecing together a few clues.

— KEITH GILMOUR



FERENC PUSKAS — "greatest former athlete living in Australia."

His talent can still be seen on television and video.

When was there ever a player with such economy of movement and such clinical precision?

It was he who forever destroyed England's illusion of world soccer supremacy as the master craftsman in the Hungarian 6-3 demolition of England at Wembley in 1953, its first ever defeat on home soil.

He, along with another world star, Argentinian Alfredo Di Stefano, shared equal top billing in the best club side of all time — the Real Madrid that won the European Cup five years in succession.

toric Hungarian defeat of England recorded Puskas making some 200 fast runs in the game, each averaging about 20 metres.

That is about 4000 metres of speed running, something few strikers match even today.

One happens to know those statistics very well because they were in the book 'Soccer for Thinkers' written by the excellent England coach and average manager, Malcolm Allison of Manchester City fame.

I have used the Puskas statistics often in my years as a coach here in Australia as a guide to modern soccer teams' speed work.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

NSW scrapes home on penalties

BY GRAHAM COOKE

FOR the second year running the final of the Australian Women's Championship was decided on penalty kicks.

Twelve months ago, in Canberra, Victoria eased past South Queensland by way of the controversial tie break system.



JANINE RIDDINGTON

On Saturday at Parklea, Sydney, home side NSW beat tournament surprise packet Northern NSW after the teams had been tied at 1-1 after extra-time.

A goalless first half generally went the way of NSW with Katrina Boyd coming closest when she headed against the Northern crossbar.

The NSW goal, when it came, was something of a scramble, substitute Michelle Rayner back-heeling the ball over the line following a wild mix-up in the goal area.

For a minute or two

it looked like the signal for the floodgates to open, instead Northern showed some composure in absorbing the pressure and hitting back with a goal of their own.

Veteran Renaye Iserief slung a long ball towards the NSW goal.

Defender Sharon Young appeared to have it covered, but a misunderstanding between her and goalkeeper Tracey Wheeler ended in Young heading over Wheeler's head, and Linda Hughes got her reward for an afternoon of non-stop effort by tapping the loose ball into an undefended net.

Extra-time failed to break the deadlock and in the shoot-out Janine McPhee wrapped it up at 4-2 after Alison Forman and Toni Bashford had had consecutive misses for Northern.

In the round-robin competition which finished on Friday, NSW and Northern had tied on 10 points each with identical goal differences.

They were followed by South Queensland 7, Western Australia 6, ACT 4, Victoria 3 and South Australia 2.

NSW: Wheeler, Dodd, Van Dorp, Pentecost (Rayner 36), Fisher, Young, Tann, Boyd, Riddington, McPhee, Bartlett.

NORTHERN NSW: Roex, Chalk (Bonshaw 36), Job, Menzies, Bashford, Forman, Pullen, Iserief, Hughes, Treddinick, Dunne.

REFEREE: Richard Lorenc.

Vics down

NSW forged into the lead on the second day of the tournament as they defeated 1989 champions Victoria 2-0.

Two internationals chimed in with the goals — Anissa Tann and the former South Australian midfielder, Moya Dodd.

Tann's goal came after Victorian goalkeeper Teresa Jones had brought down Jannine McPhee inside the penalty box.

And midfielder Dodd came with a scoring header three minutes from the end to confirm the victory.

Team-work was the key to the NSW success.

Team manager Jill Everard said: "A bit more sparkle is needed, so we are working on the players with a motivational session."

The very talented Angela Ianotta was the ACT scorer in their 1-0 win over the South Australians.

And Linda Hughes was right on target for Northern NSW, scoring both goals in the 2-0 win over Western Australia.



The Bananalanders held tournament favourites NSW scoreless on Tuesday — a great credit to Fred Robins' coaching ability.

Northern NSW kept themselves well in the race with a 1-0 win over holders Victoria.



KAREN MENZIES

There were no shocks on Wednesday, although NSW only defeated ACT 2-1.

In the next round it was Lisa Dunne's turn to pull a goal out of the hat when she scored the goal of the game to give NNSW the points against Queensland.

NSW began the day with a 3-0 win over the West, with Justine Fisher, Moya Dodd and Janine Riddington contributing the goals.

The team had just enough to record an important 2-1 win over ACT in the final game of the day.

RESULTS

R1: Queensland 2 Victoria 0, NSW 2 South Australia 0, Western Australia 1 Queensland 0, NNSW 1 ACT 1.

R2: SA 0 ACT 1, NSW 2 Vic 0, NNSW 2 WA 0.

R3: ACT v Vic 0-0, SA v WA 2-2, NSW v Qld 0-0, NNSW v Vic 1-0.

R4: WA 2 ACT 0, NNSW 1 NSW 1, Qld 1 SA 0.

R5: WA 0 NSW 3, Qld 0 NNSW 1, Vic 1 SA 1, NSW 2 ACT 1.

R6: NNSW 4 SA 0, Qld 2 ACT 1, Vic 1 WA 1.

Wagga Youth tour

BY MARK TOWNSEND

ON Saturday September 15 an eager group of U16 soccer players and staff left for Rome to participate in their 1990 Europa Tour.

All players originate from Wagga Wagga in the Riverina, where they attend Secondary Schools and play soccer at a high standard and have individually represented Wagga Wagga at regional or state level.

The trip was arranged as a return trip to visit Kassel in West Germany, who journey to Wagga Wagga bi-annually and have done so for the last six years.

The tour will take the students to such places as Italy (where they will pay a visit to the Vatican and St Peters), Switzerland, Germany (East and West), France, England and Wales.

It lasts for five weeks, they will participate in sporting and educational activities as well as playing football.

In Italy they will play games in Rome and Florence, as well as visiting the Ferrari factory on their way to Como Lake.

Upon arriving in Switzerland, they will stay at the town of Lucerne where they will catch a traditional Swiss Show.

They will visit the glass factory and the transport museum and will play a soccer game at Tettinag.

Wagga's sister city in Germany, Nordlingen, is the most important part of the trip.

It's here where they will have a guided tour of Nordlingen and the town will hold an official reception by the Mayor.

They will be hosted at Tourcoing close to Lille, to cover the



Paris leg of the tour.

These young ambassadors will play more games in London as well as visit the theatre.

A great moment for the touring party will be visiting Anfield Stadium, Liverpool's homeground, where we are all sure they will perform like the champion club itself.

Soon after this the party will be over and they will come home to Australia, more experienced in the field of soccer and full of stories of their experiences.



The Wagga Wagga under 16 side lines up for the camera, prior to leaving for that European tour.

Stars set to shine in 1990/91 NSL season



David Lowe (left) and Greg Brown were in fine form for Marconi and Melita Eagles respectively in the pre-season tournament at St George Stadium at the weekend — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS photo.



NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

U11-GRIFFITH

ROUND ONE

St Geo v Sthn 2-0, Nepean v Macarthur 1-7, West v St 0-2, Macarthur v Riverina 5-0, Nepean v West 3-1, North 1 v Riverina 1-1, Nepean v Sthn 1-0, North 2 v North 1 0-2.

ROUND TWO

Nepean v North 1 3-0, Riverina v St Geo 0-4, North 1 v Sthn 1-1, Riverina v West 1-1, North 2 v Sthn 2-0, Macarthur v West 3-0, North 2 v Nepean 0-5, St George v Macarthur 0-2.

U12-MERIMBULA

ROUND ONE

Canterbury v Sthn 4-0, North 2 v Bankstown 0-5, West v Canterbury 1-3, Bankstown v Riverina 5-0, Gladesville v West 1-2, North 1 v Riverina 2-3, Gladesville v Sthn 1-0, North 2 v North 1 1-0.

ROUND TWO

Gladesville v North 1 1-2, Riverina v Canterbury 1-1, North 1 v Sthn 3-1, Riverina v

West 2-3, North 2 v Sthn 2-1, Bankstown v West 2-0, North 2 v Gladesville 2-1, Canterbury v Bankstown 1-2.

U13-BATHURST

ROUND ONE

St George v Sthn 6-0, North 2 v Macarthur 1-0, West v St George 0-5, Macarthur v Riverina 1-1, Syd Olympic v West 3-1, North 1 v Riverina 3-0, Syd Olympic v Sthn 6-1, North 2 v North 1 2-2.

ROUND TWO

Syd Olympic v North 1 1-0, Riverina v Syd 1 1-2, North 1 v Sthn 5-0, Riverina v West 1-1, North 2 v Sthn 1-0, Macarthur v West 1-0, North 2 v Syd Olympic 1-3, St George v Macarthur 0-4.

U14-VALENTINE

ROUND ONE

St George v Sthn 1-0, North 2 v Marconi 0-6, West v St George 1-4, Marconi v Riverina 1-0, Syd Olympic v West 3-1, North 1 v Riverina 1-2, Syd Olympic v Sthn 1-0, North 2 v North 1 1-5.

ROUND TWO

Syd Olympic v North 1 1-0, Riverina v St George 0-2, North 1 v Sthn 0-0, Riverina v West 1-0, North 2 v Sthn 1-2, Marconi v West 1-2, North 2 v Syd Olympic 0-3, St George v Marconi 0-1.

U15-DUBBO

ROUND ONE

Syd Olympic v Sthn 3-2, North 2 v St George bye, West v Syd Olympic 1-4, St George v Rive bye, Syd Croatia v West 1-0, North 1 v Riverina 0-1, Syd Croatia v Sthn 7-0, North 2 v North 1 2-2.

ROUND TWO

Syd Croatia v North 1 1-0, Riverina v Syd 1 1-2, North 1 v Sthn 6-0, Riverina v West 0-2, North 2 v Sthn 5-1, St George v West bye, North 2 v Syd Croatia 0-1, Syd Olympic v St George bye.



Hurstville Boys, Bass High succeed

FROM RON PRATT

THE 1990 Commonwealth Bank Cup and Shield competition, competitions for boys and girls respectively, came to a conclusion last Friday week at a rain soaked Gabbie Stadium.



Defending champions Hurstville Boys retained the Commonwealth Cup Trophy by defeating a determined Figtree side 1-0.

In the girls' shield competition Bass High's dominance continued with a decisive 4-1 win over reigning champions Jame Ruse.

Hurstville's solitary goal emerged from a Figtree defensive error and was capitalised by Nick Cartanbis.

Earlier to this, player-of-the-match Mirco Jurilj, had made a number of dangerous breaks on the sodden right flank and emerged the most enterprising player of the night.



Earlier, Bass' performance was almost faultless, led by three enterprising attackers in player-of-the-match, Rebecca Tansley, Kelly



Bass Hill High School girls downed James Ruse Agricultural High 4-1 to claim the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Shield for 1990. Here they are photographed after the game.



Rebecca Tansley of Bass Hill High with Sue Pilgrim from the Commonwealth Bank. Rebecca was chosen Player of the Shield final.



Mirco Jurilj (Hurstville High School) was chosen Commonwealth Bank CHS Soccer Player of the Final.



Hurstville Boys High celebrate their 1990 Commonwealth Bank CHS Soccer Cup final 1-0 win over Figtree at Blacktown City's Gabbie Stadium. Peter Penprase from the bank is helping to hold the trophy.



Over the Commonwealth Bank Shield series Megan Cotton of James Ruse Agricultural High was voted Player of the Series. Here she is pictured with Sue Pilgrim from the bank.

Hall and Michelle Watson.

James Ruse faced an uphill task after being 0-3 down at the break.

An early revival brought one goal back but the Bass dominance continued and impressed one keen spectator in NSW Director of Coaching: David Lee.

Hurstville Boys' record in this tournament has been outstanding, gaining 'two-in-a-row' in a 300 plus schools

competition is a tremendous effort.

Led by captain Mark Babic they proved once again to be the elite schoolboy side in Australia.

COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP: Player-of-the-Series: Remy Galloway (Dulwich H.S.), Player-of-the-Final: Mirco Jurilj (Hurstville Boys).

COMMONWEALTH BANK SHIELD: Player-of-the-Series: Megan Cotton (James Ruse A.H.S.), Player-of-the-Final: Rebecca Tansley (Bass H.S.).

COMMONWEALTH BANK.

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The Robert Wheatley column



WITH the winners of this year's NSW state titles being decided in the next two days the organisers of these events have requested that soccer personalities and players be available for the presentations as a boost to promoting the games.

In 1990 the venues for the state titles are in the country and the following people will be attending.

U/11 — Griffith NSW Director of Coaching David Lee In a continuation of David's latent identification process he will be using the trip as an opportunity to cast his knowledgeable eye over this crucial age group as he has done in previous tournaments throughout the state.

U/12 — Merimbula Canberra Croatia goalkeeper Tony Gianasca As a manager of the ACT U/14 and U/15 teams and team member of the 1989 Australian Youth

team, Tony is looking forward to his promotional work on the far south coast.

U/13 — Bathurst Former Soccerroo captain John Kosmina After a remarkable playing career over the previous 12 years John is now taking an active role in junior soccer involvement. His experience and advice will be invaluable to the many teenagers 'strutting their stuff' in Bathurst.

U/14 — Macquarie North Coast Ralph Maier/David Lowe The Newcastle dynamic duo should have a long list of tips on defending and goal scoring for keen players. Ralph kicked the tournament off on Saturday and David will make the winning presentations tomorrow afternoon.

U/15 — Dubbo Australian youth team captain Paul Okon With only three years difference between Paul and the future stars, he will be watching, the stylish midfielder can be a source of information on all that is happening

Personalities encourage youngsters at 1990 NSW State Championships

in the world of Aussie soccer.

U/17 — Parklea Robert Wheatley Many of these players will be on the verge of a long soccer career, some certainly with NSL clubs, and possibly one or two capable of further representative honors.

The soccer players and personalities attending these titles have been in similar situations as youngsters and know the excitement that surrounds such an occasion.

They will be able to talk to the younger players, sign autographs and give away promotional material which is always an important part of the game for the future of soccer.

Griffith success

AFTER returning from four days in Griffith where soccer clinics were conducted and a Marconi-Combined Riverina match was played, I was pleased to see that the game is as popular as ever in the junior ranks.

The response to having Soccerroo members Jean-Paul de Marigny and Tom McCulloch visit the local schools was most encouraging as was the general level of ability.

Local players Michael Muritano and Charmaine Potter, who attend Wade High and Griffith High Schools respectively, underline the amount of quality players that exist in this area of NSW.

They were both chosen for the Australian men's and women's schools team to tour South East Asia early next year.



NSW capture U14 title

FROM VINCE BALZAN

NSW took the National under 14 crown from previous holders Victoria in the tournament held in Tasmania.

Going into the last day, NSW had to lose to the ACT in the final match and Victoria had to defeat South Australia to snatch the title, as they did in 1989.

However, this was not meant to be.

South Australia proved too good for Victoria running out winners by 2-1.

South Australia was reduced to ten men for the entire second half, and it took the best player of the tournament to score the best goal of the week to clinch the match.

He weaved past two or three defenders, flicked the ball over the head of the last defender and volleyed it into the net.

His name is Brian Launders and has a bright future in the game — hopefully in Australia not overseas — for he is entertaining plus, unless of course the senior coaches kill his attacking flair which they have done to other players in the past.

NSW went into the last match against ACT knowing they had already won the tournament.

The game was of poor quality and the NSW players found it hard to lift their standard of play.

However, they still managed to score four goals, the scorers being J. Angelucci (2) Klute Smith, Chad Gibson.

Summary

The overall standard of play was fair, with players lifting their performance when the occasion demanded.

NSW had an exciting game against Victoria, although the skill level was below expectations.

Many chances went begging. It was a pity that high scoring Anthony Smith missed the trip due to a broken leg.

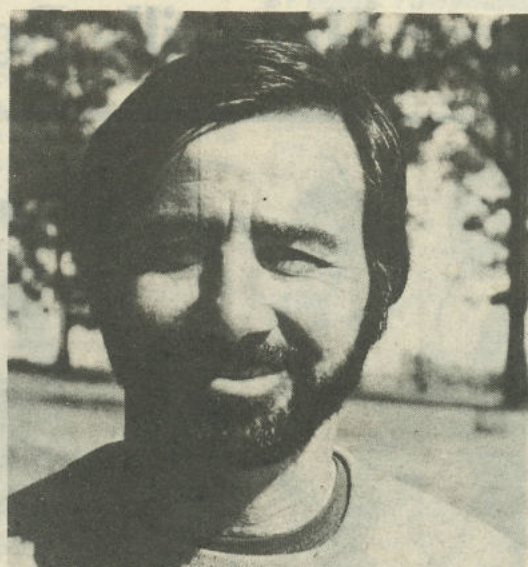
NSW succeeded on teamwork. Other states had some fine individual players, but there were weaknesses in their combinations.

The NSW defence only conceded one goal.

Congratulations must go to Queensland for coming second, but for my money Victoria going on form should've come second, followed by South Australia and Western Australia.

I thought the following were amongst the best players at the tournament.

Craig Jeffins (Nth NSW), Scott Piper (Nth Territory), Joel Marino (South Australia), Brian Launders (South Australia), John Aloisi (South Australia) who also was also leading goal scorer with 13 goals. Alan McLure (Victoria), John Kollevris (Victoria), Josip Skoko (Victoria), Chris Ball (Western Australia), Laurie Carrone (Western Australia), Ronan Crowley



VINCE BALZAN

(Western Australia), Rumer Plest (NSW), Ian Pollari (NSW), Andrew Seniuk (NSW), Flavio Novaro (NSW).

3-0

With NSW and Queensland level on 11 points, the game between the sides on Friday September 14 meant that the winner was en route to a tournament victory.

Right from the start NSW exerted their authority.

It was evident that the long hard week was telling on Queensland who were slower to the ball and could not match NSW in speed and strength.

NSW players benefit from playing in the strong youth league competition.

NSW were playing some attractive attacking soccer, both Jim Nikas (wide left) and Scott Lewis (wide right) were causing problems for the Queensland defence and big strong John Angelucci was

causing havoc in the box.

The first goal actually was made by these three players, Jim Nikas crossed the ball from the left, Angelucci met it on the volley, the keeper got to it but could not hold it and little Louie followed up to strike it into the net.

The second half saw NSW attacking wide.

Angelucci received the ball on the left, made a strong run into the box, drew the goalkeeper and slipped the ball to Leo Manceri.

He made no mistake this time and coolly put the ball in the back of the net.

The third was scored in a similar way. Angelucci shot, the keeper could not hold it and Manceri was on the spot again.

NSW were now playing their best football, with the back four particularly strong.

After this win NSW had only ACT to play, with a tournament victory in their grasp.

Goalies' head protection

AS a result of a request through the Nepean Districts Soccer Football Association, a sample of protective headgear for use by goalkeepers was submitted to the National Secretary of the Australian Affiliated Soccer Referees Federation.

The advice received is that the headgear provided was considered to be in order and can be worn by any player subject to the condition that, in the opinion of any particular referees on the day, the headgear is not dangerous to any other player.

This would normally be the case unless the headgear had deteriorated or been misused to present a danger to other players.

The headgear supplied as a sample may be obtained through the Office of the NSWASF and is available as follows: Standard Small 49-56cm Black or Royal \$22, Large 56-63cm Black or Royal \$25, De-Luxe Large 56-63cm Black \$32.

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order or by once again quoting Bankcard or Mastercard details and sending all orders to P.O. Box 84, Toongabbie 2146.

Champion of Champions

The date for Round 3, Commonwealth Bank Champion of Champions 1990, has been put back to Sunday October 7 1990.

This has been done to:

- allow time for catch up games due to recent wet conditions;
- accommodate players who may have to play in both Champion of Champions games and State Titles at the same time; and
- free any other players from Soccer commitments during the middle weekend on the school holidays.

McCarthy Senior High annexes CCC Cup

FROM JOHN BULMER

McCarthy High of Emu Plains had a well deserved victory in the final of the 1990 Combined Catholic Colleges knock-out competition when they defeated De La Salle, Ashfield 3-1 at Poppendetta Park, Mt Drutt.

McCarthy enjoyed a dream start when early pressure saw them win a corner-kick in the 3rd minute.

A near-post ball caught Ashfield off-guard and a Rojas header beat the keeper from close range.

The goal spurred Ashfield into action and they settled down into a short passing game that began to create big channels for their off-the-ball runners.

McCarthy tended to concentrate more on defence and relied on quick long-ball break-outs in reply.

Norman Tome broke clear in midfield and took the ball in towards the penalty area before unleashing a wicked 30 metre drive that bent and dipped to beat the McCarthy goalkeeper in the 14th minute, Ashfield 1 McCarthy 1.

McCarthy then rallied and the crowd was entertained by an even battle.

Just before half-time McCarthy stole the ball in midfield and pressed home the attack for Casserley to send them in at half-time 2-1 up.

The second half saw McCarthy improve their defensive marking and bottle-up Ashfield in midfield.

Their direct attack created a number of chances and it was no surprise when late in the game Dunjuay slipped the ball past the advancing Ashfield keeper to sew the game and the Cup up for McCarthy.

Congratulations to McCarthy for their win and to Ashfield for their achievement in reaching the final as well as their determination and commitment on the field.

Both schools should be proud of the skill and sportsmanship displayed by their students.

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Would qualified and interested persons apply in writing stating qualifications and experience to:

The Secretary, 58 Mutual Rd, MORTDALE 2223.

For further information ring Omer 579 3013 or Ray 047 741 272.

Trials for Youth League will be held at Mason Park, Underwood Rd, Homebush on Saturday 6, 13, 20, 27 October for under 13 and 14 at 3pm, on Sunday 7, 14, 21 and 28 October for under 15 and 17 at 10am.

ASW READERS HAVE THEIR SAY

STRANGULATION

SOCCER is suffering gradual death by strangulation brought about by its chronic failure to obtain publicity of any kind for itself in either the daily press or on TV, while at the same time every other professional sport is virtually wallowing in it.

What brought us to this humiliating position?

Quite simple. From time immemorial we have been saddled with a succession of officials who, though they might have been splendid fellows, were always the very antithesis of what soccer urgently needed.

Soccer needs, and has always needed fire eaters of the lay-their-life-on-the-line-anytime for soccer type.

Unfortunately, office seems to always go to the laid back, gentlemanly, blazer wearing, hear no evil speak no evil, stay in the bunker and above all offend nobody whatsoever types, who see as their principal duty giving to the public the strongest possible impression that soccer is not, and in fact never has been, played in Australia.

If soccer is waiting for the press, TV and rugby league to come up with outstretched hand and say, "Sorry old chap, we know we have been beastly to you these many years, but things are going to be different; from now on you are going to get your rightful share of publicity", then it will wait a long time indeed.

Be assured that even as you read this letter plans are afoot to twist the tourniquet tighter and tighter.

Wake up soccer. Go out and fight for some publicity.

What sort of legacy are we going to leave the next generation of soccer lovers?

A big booming sport or a little All-Age turn-out?

Allan Goldsworthy
West Ryde NSW 2114

5-ASIDE DECISIONS

Soccer is a low scoring game compared to most others, such as basketball or rugby union.

In this fact lies one of its attractions and one of its downfalls.

The attraction is that many games remain on a knife edge until the final whistle, as the game can more easily be turned on a moment of brilliance or carelessness.

The downfall has been evident for all who have followed the recent World Cup Finals.

In knockouts, result must be obtained — with a winner and a loser.

There are obvious time constraints in a competition of this nature so replays are an impossible luxury.

Extra-time failed to differentiate between the two teams on numerous occasions, especially when teams like Argentina patently played to reach the penalty shoot-out

stage, justifiably, it turns out.

However I believe most lovers of the game see the penalty shoot-out as an *unsatisfying debacle*.

They leave a sour taste in my mouth.

I urge all soccer's controlling bodies to search for more palatable means of securing a result once the 90 minutes are up.

Presumably many ideas will be put forward, but this is mine.



The 43,000-plus crowd — a ground record — at the Sydney Football Stadium last year for the World Cup tie between Australia and Israel demonstrated that soccer will attract huge crowds with proper promotion.

If the scores are even at the end of normal playing time, I advocate "sudden-death extra time." But with a difference.

Just as now when five penalty takers are chosen, an official (coach, manager etc) would secretly nominate just five players to remain on the field (obviously including the goalkeeper).

The two teams would then play 5-a-side with the offside rule removed.

The first, and only, goal would probably be soon in coming given the space allowed, and the goal would be somehow more natural — a "field goal", unless a penalty was awarded!

A coin would be tossed for the only kick-off. The whole thing could have a limit of 45 minutes, so would run no longer than normal extra time followed by penalties, anyway.

Let's hope someone gets the problem solved before 1994.

I for one hope the solution will not lie in making it easier for more goals to be scored in normal time — no offside outside penalty areas, larger goals etc.

Norman Peacock
117 Del Mar Drive
Copacabana NSW 2251

CHANGE OF CLUBS

I am writing to express my concern at the plight of soccer in Melbourne's Eastern Suburbs.

It was fuelled by David Bullock's article on Northcote City's Con Opasinis (22.8.90) who said: "With no disrespect to teams like Box Hill, Frankston and Ringwood, they are not doing justice to the game."

"These teams are

the City to see a game, and hence my frustration.

Croydon City are an ambitious club who are keen to progress, but unfortunately would not even come close to being capable of producing the facilities required at the top level.

On the other hand, Ringwood City have an excellent pitch and facilities.

I would imagine only a minimal amount of work would be required

pages have columns of League and Union results from everywhere (including competitions far below the status of Soccer's State League).

There has to be something wrong in soccer's effort and AAP connections if it cannot rate space for First and Second Division listings.

Pick up Wednesday's dailies and there are the selected teams for other codes.

Surely, the NSWFSF clubs could do the same for at least the First Division by Friday ... it is a free advertisement for fixtures (if listed as A v B at X) if nothing else.

For goodness sake find someone who can achieve it.

I do not believe the so-called apathy towards football is solely the fault of the respective sporting editors.

And when we do get listings (or place advertisements in ASW, etc.) do not assume everyone knows where "Smith Park" is. The suburb of location should be shown without extending the space/cost.

Secondly, place yourself as a newcomer attending a State League game.

I recently attended one which was well-promoted and I would estimate had 500 people attending for the first time (plus regulars). The 'promotion' ended once they entered the ground.

Grab one of the so-called "programmes" and you will receive no help on finding out who's-who amongst even the home team players, let alone some background on individuals.

to lift it to National League standard.

The problem is, Ringwood have never mentioned even a long-term plan of progression.

Nor do I think they ever will.

The answer may be amalgamation but I doubt whether Ringwood would ever forsake its ethnic roots for the good of soccer.

Next season, my hard earned dollar is going to Croydon.

Ringwood has to admire Croydon.

It does not have the facilities of Ringwood, but at least they get off their collective bums and "give it a go."

For soccer's sake, I wish them luck.

"Ex-Ringwood Supporter"

Professionalism

NOW that the NSW Soccer Federation appears to have entered a new era of management which will finally address some real issues, I'd like to give a gentle serve to the majority of clubs themselves for their lack of professionalism in public relations at an individual as well as a Federation level.

Firstly, we seem incapable of getting State League fixture lists and results into the daily media.

The classified result

isn't good enough.

The firsts and reserves, plus substitutes, from both sides should be clearly identifiable by spectators from their program.

Confirmation as to 'final' lineups (to cover injured players) can certainly be announced.

On the newstands each Wednesday, the combined Rugby League program contains the lineups for all grades, including their new 'second division'.

It should be mandatory that all NSWFSF First and Second Division clubs have accurate player listings for all four teams which can accommodate any late changes through injury or postponement. The naming of a 'secret' lineup on Friday night by coaches is amateurish as far as PR is concerned.

Ideally, each player from the home side and the visiting team should have a mini profile in a program as to their age, previous junior/senior clubs, etc., to help 'new' spectators gain an interest.

Photos assist greatly. Even if this date is repeated each issue it should assist newcomers who may be keen to know that a couple of seniors originated in the junior club their kids may be playing for now, or which they may be playing for.

It could just be that they may become regulars!

And don't treat your program as a major revenue-raiser — it is a promotion for your club and your sponsors. Keep prices to a minimum (free if you can).

The NSW State League is becoming increasingly important to

We often complain that even the juniors in our own sport are not aware of who the quality senior players are.

The general public probably does not even know who the teams are in First Division.

It is up to us all to do something about it ... let us market the product!

Evan Shepherd FRESH YOUNG APPROACH

I am 14 and have been following Australian soccer for years.

I have come up with three new ideas to promote our game.

1) Why not have a soccer showbag at the show? You can have free passes, World Cup items and little things for free included.

2) Put ads on TV for big games like Marconi and Adelaide City did.

Try and get people to support the Socceroos in their World Cup qualifiers.

The World Cup on SBS was a great success.

Everyone was recognising the characters like Higuaita, Gullit, Caniggia and Maradona.

3) Get a big State of Origin match organised between New South Wales and Victoria with their strongest line-ups.

It should be on a big ground like the MCG or SCG.

I hope you like these ideas and I also hope soccer gets BIG in Australia.

Jamie Kyrtis,
Black Rock Vic. 3403

BONDING TOGETHER

IT is good to see that our quality soccer paper (Australian Soccer Weekly, of course!) giving both interesting views on the current paths of Australian soccer.

Both Mr Cattermole and the editor held good points.

However, I believe that we have got to all start thinking that soccer has its positive points and that we should concentrate on those points.

What I find most appealing about soccer football is not only is it truer to its name but of the commonality that we all share around the globe.

Soccer is not a game of special interests reserved for a particular culture.

Many sports claim to be "worldwide" but with 166 member countries we can't go wrong.

Above all we should feel confident in what we do.

There is no reason why an "ethnic" and an "Australian" cannot share the same values as much of the terminology we use is self imposed.

I am sure our situation can only improve.

Peter Mancini,
Preston, Victoria



Croydon in action in the Victorian State League — a much-admired club by one of our readers.

Most clubs completely ignore their program as to shirt numbers, etc., when fielding their sides for the day ... often the visiting side is left as a blank page.

Some do not have a match program.

A garbled PA announcement as to the lineups is sometimes made but this

our sport — for geographic reasons alone it should be able to attract people who may not desire to attend NSL games (even without the now different seasons).

There is (thankfully) a district involvement by many of the state League First Division outfits.

REAL IS NOT AMUSED



HUGO SANCHEZ

A television cartoon mocking Real Madrid for its 2-0 defeat by Seville has angered the Spanish champion club and earned a prim rebuke from Spain's soccer authorities.

The cartoon, broadcast by Catalan television, showed a fan of Real's arch-rival Barcelona superimposed over images of the defeat.

The fan blows a "raspberry" to celebrate a failed penalty by Real's Mexican hot-shot Hugo Sanchez and

jumps with glee at Ivan Zamorano's goal for Seville.

Real, which had not lost a league game for 10 months, promptly banned the Catalan station from its Bernabeu stadium.

"I think it shows a lack of respect," said Sanchez.

"I think that is the opinion of all my teammates."

A Spanish Football Federation spokesman agreed.

"I think football is too serious to be taken as a joke," he said.

Mind-boggling format in Brazilian League

BRAZILIAN football officials have again been busy with their calculators and slide rules and have come up with yet another mind-boggling format for the Brazilian championship, which kicked off earlier this month and which is due to finish in December.



This year 20 teams will take part (compared with 16 in 1987, 24 in 1988 and 22 last year) and as usual they have been split into two groups.

In the first phase, the teams play once against every team in the other group and the top team in each group go into the quarter-finals.

In the second phase, the teams play once against every team in their own section, and again the top team in each group go on.

They are then joined by the four teams out of the remaining 16 who gained the most points throughout the first two phases.

Then the tournament turns into a knockout, with each round being played on a home and away basis and aggregate score, a surprisingly logical system, being used to decide the winners.

In the case of equal aggregates, the team with the best record in phases one and two goes through.

If you find these rules rather strange, don't worry — 140 million Brazilians feel the same way.

Apart from its complexity, the format has two other obvious defects: the knockout system means that the best team will not necessarily win the championship, and the teams who ensure their qualification in the first phase will be playing meaningless matches in the second.

One of Ricardo Teixeira's first promises when he took over as CBF president early last year was that the Brazilian championship would be played along the same lines as the major European leagues, and decided on points.

This is the second Brazilian championship under his presidency, and there is still no sign of this promise coming true.

It was a silly thing to say in the first place, because Teixeira does not decide the format.

Representatives of the participating clubs do that.

Appointing favourites for the title is almost impossible, because no team stands out from the rest.

Current holders Vasco still have, on paper, one of the stronger



BEBETO

sides, with Bebeto (when uninjured), veteran Roberto and Sorato, one of Brazil's brightest prospects, to call on.

The weak point is the defence, even more vulnerable following Mazinho's departure.

Flamengo have reinforced their team with Bobo and Nelsinho, both signed on loan from Sao Paulo in exchange for Alcindo and Leonardo.

Bobo was the hero when Bahia won the title two years ago, and was then sold to Sao Paulo in the biggest transaction ever between Brazilian clubs.

But Santos may be worth watching, just to be seen how many times Serginho is sent off.

He has been involved in many incidents throughout his career.

The latest occurred early in April when he was banned for 150 days for his part in a brawl that held up a Sao Paulo-Santos game for more than 20 minutes.

The ban was reduced and Serginho duly made his return in July, only to be sent off again four days later.

The Brazilian championship will give a chance for the other clubs to prove that there is football outside Rio and Sao Paulo, despite what you might believe from the press in those two cities.

The two Belo Horizonte clubs, Atletico — who still depend to a large degree on the temperamental Eder, another survivor from 1982, and Cruzeiro — can be relied to put up a serious challenge for the title.

So can the Porto Alegre sides, Gremio and Internacional, although the latter will be without the transferred Taffarel.

The main hope is that the competition reveals some new talents that the country desperately needs.

Players who could make a name include Sorato, Assis, of Gremio and Tulio, a 21-year-old striker who plays for Goias and was top scorer in the competition last year.

He has been forgotten since, largely because he has committed the cardinal sin of not playing in Rio or Sao Paulo.

The clubs in the championship are:

Group A — Nautico, Gremio, Internacional, Sao Paulo, Cruzeiro, Flamengo, Fluminense, Sao Jose, Palmeiras, Vitoria.

Group B — Santos, Corinthians, Bahia, Atletico, Botafogo, Bragantino, Portuguesa, Goias, Internacional, Vasco.

ALL THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS

GROUP 1

(Spain, Czechoslovakia, France, Iceland, Albania)

- 30. 5.90 Iceland — Albania 2-0
- 5. 9.90 Iceland — France 1-2
- 26. 9.90 Czechoslovakia — Iceland
- 10.10.90 Spain — Iceland
- 13.10.90 France — Czechoslovakia
- 14.11.90 Czechoslovakia — Spain
- 17.11.90 Albion — France
- 19.12.90 Spain — Albania
- 20. 2.91 France — Spain
- 30. 3.91 France — Albania
- 1. 5.91 Albania — Czechoslovakia
- 26. 5.91 Albania — Iceland
- 5. 6.91 Iceland — Czechoslovakia
- 4. 9.91 Czechoslovakia — France
- 25. 9.91 Iceland — Spain
- 12.10.91 Spain — France
- 16.10.91 Czechoslovakia — Albania
- 13.11.91 Spain — Czechoslovakia
- 13/20.91 France — Iceland
- 18.12.91 Albania — Spain



GROUP 2

(Romania, Scotland, Bulgaria, Switzerland, San Marino)

- 12. 5.90 Switzerland — Bulgaria 2-0
- 12. 9.90 Scotland — Romania 2-1
- 17.10.90 Romania — Bulgaria
- 17.10.90 Scotland — Switzerland
- 14.11.90 Bulgaria — Scotland
- 14.11.90 San Marino — Switzerland
- 5.12.90 Romania — San Marino
- 27. 3.91 Scotland — Bulgaria
- 27. 3.91 San Marino — Romania
- 3. 4.91 Switzerland — Romania
- 1. 5.91 Bulgaria — Switzerland
- 1. 5.91 San Marino — Scotland
- 22. 5.91 San Marino — Bulgaria
- 5. 6.91 Switzerland — San Marino
- 11. 9.91 Switzerland — Scotland
- 16.10.91 Bulgaria — San Marino
- 16.10.91 Romania — Scotland
- 13.11.91 Scotland — San Marino
- 13.11.91 Romania — Switzerland
- 20.11.91 Bulgaria — Romania

GROUP 3

(Italy, USSR, Hungary, Norway, Cyprus)

- 12. 9.90 USSR — Norway 2-0
- 10.10.90 Norway — Hungary
- 17.10.90 Hungary — Italy
- 31.10.90 Hungary — Cyprus
- 3.11.90 Italy — USSR
- 14.11.90 Cyprus — Norway
- 22.11.90 Cyprus — Italy
- 3. 4.91 Cyprus — Hungary
- 17. 4.91 Hungary — USSR
- 1. 5.91 Italy — Hungary
- 1. 5.91 Norway — Cyprus
- 22/29.5.91 USSR — Cyprus
- 5. 6.91 Norway — Italy
- 28. 8.91 Norway — USSR
- 25. 9.91 USSR — Hungary
- 12.10.91 USSR — Italy
- 30.10.91 Hungary — Norway
- 13.11.91 Italy — Norway
- 13.11.91 Cyprus — USSR
- 12.12.91 Italy — Cyprus



GROUP 4

(Yugoslavia, Denmark, Austria, Northern Ireland, Faroe Islands)

- 2. 9.90 Northern Ireland — Yugoslavia 0-2
- 12. 9.90 Faroe Islands — Austria 1-0
- 10.10.90 Denmark — Faroe Islands
- 17.10.90 Northern Ireland — Denmark
- 31.10.90 Yugoslavia — Austria
- 14.11.90 Denmark — Yugoslavia
- 14.11.90 Austria — Northern Ireland
- 27. 3.91 Yugoslavia — N. Ireland
- 1. 5.91 Yugoslavia — Denmark
- 1. 5.91 N. Ireland — Faroe Islands
- 14/15.5.91 Yugoslavia — Faroe Islands
- 22. 5.91 Austria — Faroe Islands
- 5. 6.91 Denmark — Austria
- 11. 9.91 Faroe Islands — N. Ireland
- 25. 9.91 Faroe Islands — Denmark
- 9.10.91 Austria — Denmark
- 16.10.91 Faroe Islands — Yugoslavia
- 16.10.91 N. Ireland — Austria
- 13.11.91 Denmark — N. Ireland
- 13.11.91 Austria — Yugoslavia



GROUP 5

(Germany, Belgium, Wales, Luxembourg)

- 17.10.90 Wales — Belgium
- 31.10.90 Luxembourg — Germany
- 14.11.90 Luxembourg — Wales
- 27. 2.91 Belgium — Luxembourg
- 27. 3.91 Belgium — Wales
- 1. 5.91 Germany — Belgium
- 5. 6.91 Wales — Germany
- 11. 9.91 Luxembourg — Belgium
- 16.10.91 Germany — Wales
- 13.11.91 Wales — Luxembourg
- 20.11.91 Belgium — Germany
- 17.12.91 Germany — Luxembourg

GROUP 6

(Holland, Portugal, Greece, Finland, Malta)

- 12. 9.90 Finland — Portugal 0-0
- 17.10.90 Portugal — Holland
- 31.10.90 Greece — Malta
- 21.11.90 Holland — Greece
- 25.11.90 Malta — Finland
- 19/23.12.90 Malta — Holland
- 23. 1.91 Greece — Portugal
- 9. 2.91 Malta — Portugal
- 20. 2.91 Portugal — Malta
- 13. 3.91 Holland — Malta
- 17. 4.91 Holland — Finland
- 16. 5.91 Finland — Malta
- 5. 6.91 Finland — Holland
- 11. 9.91 Portugal — Finland
- 9.10.91 Finland — Greece
- 16.10.91 Holland — Portugal
- 30.10.91 Greece — Finland
- 20.11.91 Portugal — Greece
- 4.12.91 Greece — Holland
- 22.12.91 Malta — Greece



GROUP 7

(England, Republic of Ireland, Poland, Turkey)

- 17.10.90 England — Poland
- 17.10.90 Rep. of Ireland — Turkey
- 14.11.90 Rep. of Ireland — England
- 14.11.90 Turkey — Poland
- 27. 3.91 England — Rep. of Ireland
- 17. 4.91 Poland — Turkey
- 1. 5.91 Turkey — England
- 1. 5.91 Rep. of Ireland — Poland
- 16.10.91 Poland — Rep. of Ireland
- 16.10.91 England — Turkey
- 13.11.91 Turkey — Rep. of Ireland
- 13.11.91 Poland — England

Augenthaler comes good in his "twilight years"

BY ARTHUR ROTMIL ★



KLAUS AUGENTHALER

SOCCER'S ultimate triumph came late in Klaus Augenthaler's footballing career.

At 33 Bayern Munich sweeper and skipper Augenthaler became a world champion.

His success with West Germany in the World Cup brought him a total bonus of \$200,000, half from the German FA and the rest from sponsors.

Yet Augenthaler had been something of a surprise selection for the squad.

He had been discarded after the 1986 tournament in Mexico, and was not recalled until three years had passed.

Team chief Franz Beckenbauer tried other liberos but eventually, on account of Bayern Munich's international experience, he settled for Augenthaler.

In the first World Cup preparatory matches this year, he was either not fit (1-2 v France), or absent through injury (3-3 v Uruguay).

But he recovered sufficiently to star in the last two build-up games, against Czechoslovakia and Denmark (both won 1-0) and convinced Beckenbauer that he was the man for the key position.

Augenthaler's strengths are enormous experience, tackling, command in the air, sound technique, a cracking shot and excellent vision.

How apt therefore that his nickname is "Auge" — it means "eye" in German.

Perhaps he now lacks pace, but that is not surprising in view of his advancing years.

He compensates for that with admirable

positional play.

Klaus Josef Augenthaler was born on September 26, 1957, in Furstenzell, Bavaria.

He grew up in the small town of Vilshofen on the River Vils.

In that area of Lower Bavaria, ice hockey is the most popular sport and National League club EV Landshut the biggest attraction.

The Vils flows past the Augenthaler family's house, and usually freezes in the winter so every day after school, Klaus and his brother Manfred, five years younger, would put their skates on and chase the puck.

The physically tough game seemed to suit young Klaus and his career might have been in ice hockey.

But football soon became his first love and he joined FC Vilshofen as centre-forward in the youth team.

In 1975 he was spotted and engaged by Bayern Munich, and never looked back.

He was converted into a defender and eventually became an attacking sweeper.

Like his idol Beckenbauer used to be, with the same club.

Augenthaler says: "I was certainly not an outstanding footballer. I was always surrounded by others who appeared to have more talent."

But the basic ice hockey training served him well.

His coach, Udo Lattek, used to say: "Athletically, Klaus is one of our best players."

In 1977 Augenthaler helped the Bavarian representative side to win the Amateur Interstate Cup.

He played his first Bundesliga match on

October 8, 1977, and has now appeared in 377 (50 goals), plus 82 in Europe (11 goals).

And he has a remarkable honours collection — seven league titles, three Cup victories, 27 full internationals, eight "B" matches, and 11 games for the national youth team.

His worst experience occurred on November 23, 1985, when he fouled international striker Rudi Voller of Werder Bremen.

Voller was carried off and the headlines even provoked death threats to Augenthaler and his family.

Eventually he needed police protection around his home in Vaterstetten.

He now admits: "I have since become more careful. Rather than cause an opponent an injury, I pull out of the tackle."

Now he has retired from the national squad — the World Cup final was his last big show in the black-red-and-gold colours.

But he will continue to lead Germany's most successful club in another attempt at the Champions' Cup, Bayern's No. 1 target this season.

His contract runs until 1991, and then he probably will hang up his boots.

Then he will have more time to watch Landshut's ice hockey games, visit his parents in Volshoben more frequently, go to the cinema and take care of his family — wife Monika and daughters Tina (8) and Lisa (5 months).

His main hobby is fishing, but he also likes to eat well, play cards with good friends, ski and play tennis.

He also enjoys reading, rather than watching television — except when he is shown in a winning game! His favourite holiday destinations are Austria and Italy.

Auge does not think he would make a good coach, but wants to retain his links with Bayern, "where I spent a big part of my life."

He claims that his strength lies in knowing his weaknesses.

His worst habit is smoking.

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Mark Hughes in full cry. The Manchester United striker will feature prominently in the Welsh National team during the Euro-92 qualifiers.

Austrian coach quits after Faroes' upset



JOSEF HICKERSBERGER

AS expected, Josef Hickersberger has been sacked as Austria's Euro-92 defeat by the Faroe Islands.

A subdued Hickersberger said the defeat had shattered public confidence in his work and made it 99 per cent certain that Austria, World Cup finalists only three months ago, would fail to qualify for the 1992 European finals.

"Under those circumstances I could only resign," he told a news conference in Vienna.

Austrian media declared the defeat to be the unknown Faroe part-timers the most embarrassing in their country's history.

The mass-circulation newspaper "Kurier" branded the result a declaration of bankruptcy while "Kronen Zeitung" said Austria had become the laughing stock of world soccer.

"Kronen Zeitung" sports commentator Michael Kuhn said not only Hickersberger but also millionaire superstars — an apparent reference to players like Toni Polster and Gerhard Rodax — should have had the decency to quit.

"Their negligence has done inestimable damage to our soccer for years to come," Kuhn wrote.

Hickersberger said his warnings to the team to put their hearts into the match had "fallen on deaf ears".

Team members had been afraid of getting injured, were completely overwhelmed in man-to-man contact and technically incapable of playing opponents who combined defensive tactics with aggression, Hickersberger said.

But he added: "I don't want to look for excuses. We heard enough excuses after the World Cup and that doesn't solve anything."

New Orleans as World Cup site?

THE Louisiana Superdome's general manager has announced the stadium would bid to become the first indoor site ever for the 1994 World Cup.

Bob Johnson said the 70,000-seat stadium in New Orleans, host to four Super Bowls (the US pro gridiron championship) and US college basketball championships, probably would bid for either the final, the opening game or a semi-final in addition to first-round matches.

The tournament, the first to be played in the United States, will be staged in eight to 12 cities in June and July 1994.

Cities will be selected next year by FIFA.

"At this point our intentions are to bid," Johnson said before meeting with officials of the New Orleans Sports Foundation to discuss the group's proposal.

He said the problem of installing grass over the artificial turf could be overcome.

Ross Berlin, vice-president of venues for the World Cup '94 Organising Committee, said the Astro-dome in Houston also is considering a bid.

But that stadium is home to Major League Baseball's Houston Astros and it is considered unlikely the team would vacate the building long enough to allow World Cup games.

Twenty-seven cities have indicated they will bid for games by the December 14 deadline and Berlin said Denver's Mile High Stadium probably would join the list.

The Superdome, opened in August 1975, originally did not intend to bid for the World Cup.

But the organising committee decided in June that it would entertain proposals from domed stadia.



Everton's Scottish international Pat Nevin features in manager Andy Roxburgh's plans for the Euro-92 qualifiers. Scotland started their campaign successfully with a 2-1 win over Romania.



Tapie aims for the top

BY hiring Franz Beckenbauer to help coach star-studded Marseille, owner Bernard Tapie has proven his determination to buy his way to European soccer supremacy.

Tapie has spent millions — francs, marks and dollars — to acquire some of the world's best talent for Marseille in an attempt to win the European Champions' Cup.

He already had the top French player in high-scoring Jean-Pierre Papin.

He took a chance in investing in gifted but controversial French striker Eric Cantona.

He has international stars who played at the World Cup finals in Italy last June while France did not.

England's Chris Waddle, Yugoslavia's Dragan Stojkovic and Brazil's Carlos Mozer cost almost \$25 million.

To this empire he has added Beckenbauer as technical director to support coach Gerard Gili.

Beckenbauer led West Germany to the World Cup title as a player in 1974 and coach in 1990, an unprecedented feat.

No figures are given for what "The Kaiser" will earn for his two years at Marseille, but estimates in the German press have ranged as high as \$5 million a year.

The cost will be shared equally by Marseille and Adidas, the sportswear company Tapie acquired in June.

Tapie announced his acquisition of the famed German company the day before the World Cup final, adding another exploit to his rich portfolio.

He also sponsored the La Vie Claire cycling team, led by Tour de France multiple winners Bernard Hinault and Greg LeMond.

"As with Bernard Hinault, (Beckenbauer) fascinates me," Tapie said. "The entire world knows him."

Tapie surrounds himself with winners at all costs and he hopes it will pay off for him in soccer now.

It has so far. Marseille is already comfortably ahead and appears on its way to a third successive championship and another qualification for the European Champions' Cup.

"I am coming so that Marseille can be champion of Europe," Beckenbauer said in his introduction to the Marseille press.

Beckenbauer was on hand when Marseille beat Paris-St Germain, 2-1.

He stayed in a VIP box and watched as Gili coached from the bench.

Marseille made it to the Champions' Cup semi-finals last year before being upset by Benfica on a disputed goal in the Portuguese club's home stadium.

No French team has ever won the Cham-



FRANZ BECKENBAUER

pions' Cup. In 1992 Beckenbauer is due to move to the

United States to strengthen the US for the 1994 World Cup.

Meola joins US exodus abroad

TONY Meola, goalkeeper of the first US team to play in the World Cup finals for 40 years, has signed with Watford of the English Second Division.

Meola, 21, had spent three weeks trying out with Brighton but was snapped up by Watford after playing in a reserve match between the two clubs.

"I feel it is a step forward — not only for myself, but for all future American goalkeepers."

Meola, who at one time was drafted by the New York Yankees to play baseball, was signed to a one-year contract on loan from the USSF.

He has 21 caps and played in all three matches in the World Cup finals in Italy.

Meola, a rock music fan, said one of the first people to congratulate him was Watford's lifetime chairman, Elton John.

"He said he was



TONY MEOLA

very excited for me to come to the club and if I needed anything I should give him a call."

Meola is the seventh US World Cup player to sign with a European club.

Midfielder Paul Caligiuri has joined Hansa Rostock of the East German Oberliga, while another midfielder, Tab Ramos, is with Spanish Second Division club Figueras.

Defender John Doyle and midfielder Hugo Perez are with Oergryste in Sweden, forward Chris Sullivan is with Landskrona Bois in Sweden, and defender Steve Trittschuh has scored two goals with Czechoslovak champions Sparta Prague.

Two other players are trying out with English Second Division clubs, midfielder John Harkes with Sheffield Wednesday and forward Bruce Murray with Ipswich.



JOHN HARKES

FA not impressed by English threats

THE English Football League poured cold water on suggestions that their clubs are prepared to boycott the FA Cup and ban their players from turning out for internationals in a bid to have more say in the

running of the game in England.

"Threats to the supply of players to the England international side and to the FA Cup are nothing more than speculation," said League spokesman Andy Williamson.

But he did confirm that anger is mounting among League clubs at

the resistance by the FA, as the ruling body, to a reformation of the way the game is governed in England.

A committee last week rejected the League proposals to establish a new board of management.

"What the League is clearly looking for is a bigger representation in the corridors of

power," explained Williamson.

"The FA for some years now has had proposals on the table for a board of management, but they have not brought them to fruition.

"Now the League is trying to get those plans along to ensure that we have a 50 per cent say in the running of the game."